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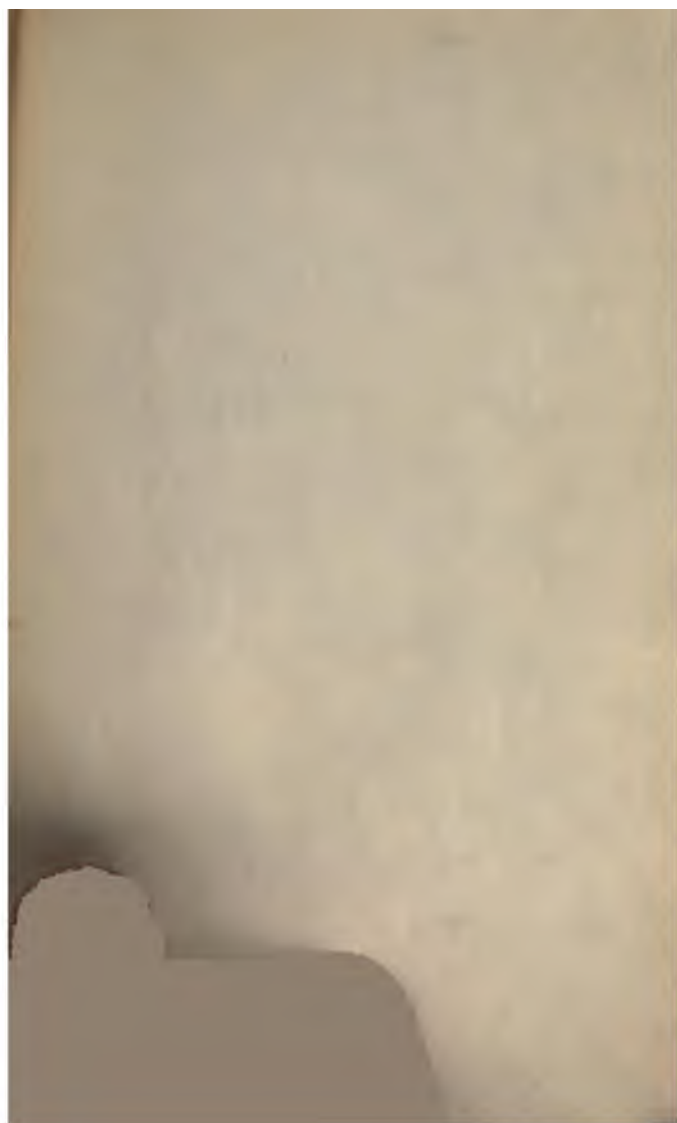
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Part I.

THE CHURCH.



DOCTRINE AND DISCIPLINE

OF

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

CHAPTER I.

DOCTRINES AND GENERAL RULES.

SECTION I.

STANDARDS OF DOCTRINE.

1. The Doctrines of the Methodist Church are declared to be those contained in the twenty-five Articles of Religion, and those taught by the Rev. John Wesley, M.A., in his Notes on the New Testament, and in the first fifty-two Sermons of the first series of his discourses, published during his lifetime.

ARTICLES OF RELIGION.

I. *Of Faith in the Holy Trinity.*

2. There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts, of infinite power, wisdom and good-

ness; the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead there are three persons, of one substance, power and eternity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

II. *Of the Word, or Son of God, who was made very man*

3. The Son, who is the Word of the Father, the true and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and very man, who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile His Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for our original guilt, but also for the actual sins of men.

III. *Of the Resurrection of Christ.*

4. Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again His body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, wherewith He ascended into heaven, and there sitteth until He return to judge all men at the last day.

IV. *Of the Holy Ghost.*

5. The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty, and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

V. *The Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation*

6. The Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor

proved thereby, is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of the Holy Scripture we do understand those canonical books of the Old and New Testament of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church. The names of the canonical books are—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, The First Book of Samuel, The Second Book of Samuel, The First Book of Kings, The Second Book of Kings, The First Book of Chronicles, The Second Book of Chronicles, The Book of Ezra, The Book of Nehemiah, The Book of Esther, The Book of Job, The Psalms, The Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, or the Preacher, Canticles, or Songs of Solomon, Four Prophets the greater, Twelve Prophets the less.

All the books of the New Testament, as they are commonly received, we do receive and account canonical.

VI. *Of the Old Testament.*

7. The Old Testament is not contrary to the New ; for both in the Old and New Testament everlasting life is offered to mankind by Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and man. Wherefore they are not to be heard who feign that the old fathers did look only for transitory promises. Although the law given from God by Moses, as touching ceremonies and rites, doth not bind Christians, nor ought the civil precepts thereof of necessity to be received in any commonwealth ; yet, notwithstanding, no Christian whatsoever is free from the obedience of the commandments which are called moral.

VII. *Of Original or Birth Sin.*

8. Original sin standeth not in the following of A (as the Pelagians do vainly talk) but it is the corruption of the nature of every man, that naturally is engendered in the offspring of Adam, whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and of his own nature incline to evil, and that continually.

VIII. *Of Free Will.*

9. The condition of man after the fall of Adam is that he cannot turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and works, to faith, and calling upon God ; wherefore we have no power to do good works, pleasant or acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ venting us, that we may have a good will, and working us, when we have that good will.

IX. *Of the Justification of Man.*

10. We are accounted righteous before God only for merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by faith, not for our own works or deservings. Wherefore, they that are justified by faith only, is a most wholesome doctrine and very full of comfort.

X. *Of Good Works.*

11. Although good works, which are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, cannot put away our sins, endure the severity of God's judgments ; yet are pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, and spring out

a true and lively faith, insomuch that by them a lively faith may be as evidently known as a tree is discerned by its fruit.

XI. Of Works of Supererogation.

12. Voluntary works—besides, over, and above God's commandments—which are called works of supererogation, cannot be taught without arrogancy and impiety. For by them men do declare that they do not only render unto God as much as they are bound to do, but that they do more for his sake than of bounden duty is required; whereas Christ saith plainly, When ye have done all that is commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants.

XII. Of Sin after Justification.

13. Not every sin willingly committed after justification is the sin against the Holy Ghost, and unpardonable. Wherefore, the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such as fall into sin after justification: after we have received the Holy Ghost, we may depart from grace given, and fall into sin, and, by the grace of God, rise again and amend our lives. And therefore they are to be condemned who say they can no more sin as long as they live here; or deny the place of forgiveness to such as truly repent.

XIII. Of the Church.

14. The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men, in which the pure word of God is preached, and the sacraments duly administered, according to Christ's ordinance, in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same.

XIV. Of Purgatory.

15. The Romish doctrine concerning purgatory, p
worshipping, and adoration, as well of images as of
and also invocation of saints, is a fond thing, vain
vented, and grounded upon no warrant of Scripture
repugnant to the word of God.

*XV. Of Speaking in the Congregation in such a Tongue,
as the People understand.*

16. It is a thing plainly repugnant to the word of
and the custom of the primitive Church, to have
prayer in the Church, or to minister the sacrament
tongue not understood by the people.

XVI. Of the Sacraments.

17. Sacraments ordained of Christ are not only
or tokens of Christian men's profession, but rather
certain signs of grace, and God's good-will towards
the which he doth work invisibly in us, and doth not
quicken, but also strengthen and comfort our faith in

There are two sacraments ordained of Christ our
in the Gospel; that is to say, Baptism and the Supper
of the Lord.

Those five commonly called sacraments, that is to say, con-
firmation, penance, orders, matrimony, and extreme unction,
are not to be counted for sacraments of the Gospel;
such as have partly grown out of the corrupt customs
of the apostles, and partly are states of life allowed
by Scriptures, but yet have not the like nature of Baptism

the Lord's Supper, because they have not any visible sign or ceremony ordained of God.

The sacraments were not ordained of Christ to be gazed upon, or to be carried about; but that we should duly use them. And in such only as worthily receive the same, they have a wholesome effect or operation: but they that receive them unworthily, purchase to themselves condemnation, as saint Paul saith, 1 Cor. xi. 29.

XVII. *Of Baptism.*

18. Baptism is not only a sign of profession, and mark of difference, whereby Christians are distinguished from others that are not baptized; but it is also a sign of regeneration, or the new birth. The baptism of young children is to be retained in the Church.

XVIII. *Of the Lord's Supper.*

19. The Supper of the Lord is not only a sign of the love that Christians ought to have among themselves one to another, but rather is a sacrament of our redemption by Christ's death; insomuch that to such as rightly, worthily, and with faith receive the same, the bread which we break is a partaking of the body of Christ; and likewise the cup of blessing is a partaking of the blood of Christ.

Transubstantiation, or the change of the substance of bread and wine in the Supper of our Lord, cannot be proved by Holy Writ, but is repugnant to the plain words of Scripture, overthroweth the nature of a sacrament, and hath given occasion to many superstitions.

The body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten in the

Supper, only after a heavenly and spiritual manner. And the means whereby the body of Christ is received and eaten in the Supper, is faith.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was not by Christ's ordinance reserved, carried about, lifted up, or worshipped.

XIX. Of Both Kinds.

20. The cup of the Lord is not to be denied to the lay people; for both the parts of the Lord's Supper, by Christ's ordinance and commandment, ought to be administered to all Christians alike.

XX. Of the One Oblation of Christ, finished upon the Cross.

21. The offering of Christ once made, is that perfect redemption, propitiation, and satisfaction for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual; and there is none other satisfaction for sin but that alone. Wherefore the sacrifice of the mass, in which it is commonly said that the priest doth offer Christ for the quick and the dead, to have remission of pain or guilt, is a blasphemous fable and dangerous deceit.

XXI. Of the Marriage of Ministers.

22. The ministers of Christ are not commanded by God's law either to vow the estate of single life, or to abstain from marriage: therefore it is lawful for them, as for all other Christians, to marry at their own discretion, as they shall judge the same to serve best to godliness.

XXII. *Of the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church.*

23. It is not necessary that rites and ceremonies should in all places be the same, or exactly alike; for they have always been different, and may be changed according to the diversity of countries, times, and men's manners, so that nothing be ordained against God's word. Whosoever, through his private judgment, willingly and purposely doth openly break the rites and ceremonies of the Church to which he belongs, which are not repugnant to the word of God, and are ordained and approved by common authority, ought to be rebuked openly, that others may fear to do the like, as one that offendeth against the common order of the Church, and woundeth the consciences of weak brethren.

Every particular Church may ordain, change, or abolish rites and ceremonies, so that all things may be done to edification.

XXIII. *Of the Civil Government.*

24. We believe it is the duty of all Christians to be subject to the powers that be; for we are commanded by the word of God to respect and obey the Civil Government: we should therefore not only fear God, but honour the King.

XXIV. *Of Christian Men's Goods.*

25. The riches and goods of Christians are not common, as touching the right, title, and possession of the same, as some do falsely boast. Notwithstanding, every man ought, of such things as he possesseth, liberally to give alms to the poor, according to his ability.

XXV. *Of a Christian Man's Oath.*

26. As we confess that vain and rash swearing is forbidden Christian men by our Lord Jesus Christ and James his apostle; so we judge that the Christian religion doth not prohibit, but that a man may swear when the magistrate requireth, in a cause of faith and charity, so it be done according to the prophet's teaching, in justice, judgment and truth.

SECTION II.

The Origin, Design, and General Rules of our United Societies.

27. In the latter end of the year 1739, eight or ten persons came to Mr. Wesley in London, who appeared to be deeply convinced of sin, and earnestly groaning for redemption. They desired, as did two or three more the next day, that he would spend some time with them in prayer, and advise them how to flee from the wrath to come, which they saw continually hanging over their heads. That he might have more time for this great work, he appointed a day when they might all come together; which from thence forward they did every week, namely, on *Thursday*, in the evening. To these, and as many more as desired to join with them (for their numbers increased daily), he gave those advices from time to time which he judged most needful for them; and they always concluded their meetings with prayer suited to their several necessities.

28. This was the rise of the UNITED SOCIETIES, first in *Europe* and then in *America*. Such a Society is no other than “a company of men, having the form, and seeking the power of godliness, united in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love, that they may help each other to work out their salvation.”

29. That it may the more easily be discerned whether they are indeed working out their own salvation, each Society is divided into smaller companies, called classes, according to their respective places of abode. There are about twelve persons in a class, one of whom is styled *The Leader*. It is his duty,—

1. To see each person in his class once a week at least, in order, (a) To inquire how their souls prosper. (b) To advise, reprove, comfort, or exhort, as occasion may require. (c) To receive what they are willing to give towards the support of the Ministers, Church, and poor.

2. To meet the Ministers and Stewards of the Society once a week, in order, (a) To inform the Minister of any that are sick, or of any that walk disorderly and will not be reprov'd. (b) To pay the Stewards what they have received of the several classes in the week preceding.

30. There is only one condition previously required of those who desire admission into these Societies, “a desire to flee from the wrath to come, and be saved from their sins.” But wherever this is really fixed in the soul, it will be shown by its fruits.

31. It is therefore expected of all who continue therein, that they should continue to evidence their desire of salva-

tion, *First*, By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practised such as,—The taking of the name of God in vain; the profaning of the day of the Lord, either by doing ordinary work therein, or by buying or selling; drunkenness, buying or selling spirituous liquors, or drinking them, unless in case of extreme necessity; the buying or selling of men, women, and children, with the intention to enslave them; fighting, quarreling, brawling, brother going to law with brother; returning evil for evil, or railing for railing; the using many words in buying or selling; the buying or selling goods that have not paid the duty; the giving or taking on usury, that is, unlawful interest; uncharitable or unprofitable conversation, particularly speaking evil of magistrates or of ministers; doing to others as we would not they should do unto us; doing what we know is not for the glory of God; as,—The putting on of gold or costly apparel; the taking such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus; the singing those songs, or reading those books, which do not tend to the knowledge or love of God; softness and needless self-indulgence; laying up treasure upon earth; borrowing without a probability of paying; or taking up goods without a probability of paying for them.

32. It is expected of all who continue in these Societies that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation, *Secondly*, By doing good; by being in every kind merciful after their power; as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and as far as possible, to all men; To their bodies, of the ability which God giveth, by

giving food to the hungry, by clothing the naked, by visiting or helping them that are sick or in prison: To their souls, by instructing, reproofing, or exhorting all we have any intercourse with; trampling under foot that enthusiastic doctrine, that "we are not to do good, *unless our hearts are free to it*:" By doing good, especially to them who are of the household of faith, or groaning so to be; employing them preferably to others, buying one of another, helping each other in business; and so much the more because the world will love its own and them *only*: By all possible *diligence* and *frugality*, that the Gospel be not blamed: By running with patience the race which is set before them, *denying themselves, and taking up their cross daily*; submitting to bear the reproach of Christ, to be as the filth and offscouring of the world; and looking that men should say *all manner of evil of them falsely for the Lord's sake*.

33. It is expected of all who desire to continue in these Societies that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation, *Thirdly*, By attending upon all the ordinances of God; such as,—The public worship of God; the ministry of the word, either read or expounded; the Supper of the Lord; family and private prayer; searching the Scriptures; fasting or abstinence.

34. These are the General Rules of our Societies; all of which we are taught of God to observe, even in his written word, *which is the only rule, and the sufficient rule, both of our faith and practice*. And all these we know his Spirit writes on truly awakened hearts. If there be any among us who observes them not, who habitually breaks any of them, let it be known unto them who watch over that soul,

as they who must give an account. We will admonish him of the error of his ways. We will bear with him for a season. But if then he repent not, he hath no more place among us. We have delivered our own souls.

35. NOTE: The General Rules are to be understood as forbidding neglect of duties of any kind, imprudent conduct, indulging in sinful tempers or words, the buying, selling or using intoxicating liquors as a beverage, dancing, playing at games of chance, encouraging lotteries, attending theatres, horse-races, circuses, dancing parties, patronizing dancing schools, taking such other amusements as are obviously of a misleading or questionable moral tendency, and all acts of disobedience to the Order and Discipline of the Church.

SECTION III.

Baptism.

36. The proper subjects for baptism are infants, and believing adults who have not been baptized in infancy.

37. The mode of baptism is by sprinkling or pouring; but should any candidates for baptism prefer another mode, the officiating minister may comply with their request. Wherever practicable let the ordinance be administered in the public congregation. Let the minister, when receiving persons on trial for membership, particularly inquire whether they have been baptized, and if not, let that rite be administered as soon as practicable.

SECTION IV.

The Lord's Supper.

38. Let those persons that do not desire to receive the Lord's Supper kneeling receive it either sitting or standing.

39. Let no person who is not a member of our Church be habitually admitted to the Lord's Supper without examination, and some token given by the minister.

40. No person shall be admitted to the Lord's Supper among us who is guilty of any practice for which we would exclude a member of our Church.

In the public administration of the Lord's Supper non-alcoholic wines shall be used wherever possible.

SECTION V.

On Marriage.

41. Members of our Church sometimes marry with careless, *unawakened* persons. This has produced bad effects; they have either been hindered for life, or have turned back to perdition. To discourage this practice let every minister enforce the Apostle's caution,—“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers” (2 Cor. vi. 14); and let them exhort all to take no step in so weighty a matter without earnest prayer to God and consultation with judicious Christian friends.

42. We do not prohibit our people from marrying persons who are not of our Church, provided such persons have the form and are seeking the power of godliness; but we are

determined to discourage their marrying persons who do not come up to this description.

43. In general, no young woman should marry without the consent, much less without the knowledge, of her parents or natural guardians. Nevertheless, there may be exceptional cases, as when they refuse to allow her to marry at all; or when they refuse to allow her to marry any Christian. But even in such cases she should seriously consult with those competent to give godly counsel.

SECTION VI.

On Dress.

44. While the New Testament gives no specific directions in regard to dress, yet its spirit is manifestly against the use of costly or gaudy apparel, and the wearing of needless ornaments; therefore, let all our ministers discourage in the Church whatever, in this respect, is contrary to Christian simplicity; and in order to do this, let them read the thoughts upon dress at least once a year, in every society where such counsels seem to be needed.

CHAPTER II.

THE MINISTRY.

SECTION I.

Of the examination of those who think they are moved by the Holy Ghost to preach.

45. In order that we may try those who profess to be moved by the Holy Ghost to preach, let the following questions be asked, namely:—

1. Do they know God as a pardoning God? Have they the love of God abiding in them? Do they desire nothing but God? And are they holy in all manner of conversation?

2. Have they gifts as well as grace for the work? Have they a clear, sound understanding; a right judgment in the things of God; a just conception of salvation by faith? And has God given them an acceptable way of speaking? Do they speak justly, readily, clearly?

3. Have they fruit? Are any truly convinced of sin, and converted to God by their preaching?

46. As long as these three marks concur in any one, we believe he is called of God to preach. These we receive as sufficient proof that he is moved by the Holy Ghost.

47. With the consent of the Local Preachers' Meeting or of the Quarterly Official Board, the Superintendent of the Circuit may license such persons to exhort. After sufficient proof of their gifts and usefulness they may be further received as Local Preachers on trial, and on expira-

tion of three months' trial, should their examination by the Local Preachers' Meeting, or Quarterly Official Board, be satisfactory, they shall receive license as Local Preachers.

SECTION II.

Of Rules of Conduct for a Minister or Probationer for the Ministry.

48. Rule 1. Be diligent. Never be unemployed; never be triflingly employed; never trifle away time, neither spend any more time at any place than is strictly necessary.

49. Rule 2. Be serious. Let your motto be "*Holiness to the Lord.*" Avoid all lightness, jesting, and foolish talking.

50. Rule 3. Converse sparingly, and conduct yourself prudently, with women. (1 Tim. v. 2.)

51. Rule 4. Take no steps towards marriage without first consulting with your brethren.

52. Rule 5. Believe evil of no one without good evidence unless you see it done, take heed how you credit it. Put the best construction on everything. You know the judge is always supposed to be on the prisoner's side.

53. Rule 6. Speak evil of no one; because your word, especially, would eat as doth a canker. Keep your thoughts within your own breast till you come to the person concerned.

54. Rule 7. Tell every one under your care what you think wrong in his conduct and temper, and that lovingly.

plainly, as soon as may be, else it will fester in your t. Make all haste to cast the fire out of your bosom.

5. *Rule 8.* Avoid all affectation. A preacher of the Gospel is the servant of all.

6. *Rule 9.* Be ashamed of nothing but sin.

7. *Rule 10.* Be punctual. Do everything exactly at time. And do not mend our rules, but keep them ; for wrath, but conscience' sake.

8. *Rule 11.* You have nothing to do but to save souls, before spend and be spent in this work ; and go always, only to those that want you, but to those that want you

observe ! it is not only your business to preach so many s, and to take care of this or that Society, but to save many as you can ; to bring as many sinners as you can penitence, and, with all your power, to build them up in holiness without which they cannot see the Lord.

remember ! a Methodist preacher is to mind every t, great and small, in the Methodist Discipline ! There- you will need to exercise all the sense and grace you

9. *Rule 12.* Act in all things, not according to your will, but as a son in the Gospel. As such, it is your to employ your time in the manner which we direct ; teaching and visiting from house to house ; in reading, tation and prayer. Above all, if you labor with us in Lord's vineyard, it is needful you should do that part of the work which we advise, at those times and places which we judge most for His glory,

60. Smaller advices which might be of use to us are perhaps these: 1. Be sure never to disappoint a congregation. 2. Begin at the time appointed. 3. Let your whole deportment be serious, weighty, and solemn. 4. Always suit your subject to your audience. 5. Choose the plainest text you can. 6. Take care not to ramble, but keep to your text, and make out what you take in hand. 7. Take care of anything awkward or affected, either in your gestures, phrase, or pronunciation. 8. Do not usually pray *extempore* above eight or ten minutes (at most) without intermission. 9. Frequently read and enlarge upon a portion of Scripture: and let young preachers often exhort without taking a text. 10. Always avail yourself of the great festivals by preaching on the occasion.

SECTION III.

The duty of Ministers and Probationers—Manner and manner of preaching—Visiting from house to house.

61. The duty of a minister or probationer is,—1. To preach; 2. To meet the Societies and Classes; 3. To visit the sick.

62. A minister or probationer shall be qualified for his charge by walking closely with God, and having His word greatly at heart, and by understanding and loving discipline ours in particular.

63. A minister or probationer should use all the means of grace himself, and urge the use of them on others, and as:

1. *Prayer*—private, family, and public; consisting of deprecation, petition, intercession, and thanksgiving.

2. *Searching the Scriptures.*

3. *The Lord's Supper.*

4. *Fasting and Abstinence.*

5. *Christian Conference.*

Ministers should manifest an interest in the spiritual welfare of each other, by speaking freely to each other upon the subject of personal religion. They should take great care not to despise each other's gifts, or speak lightly of each other, defending each other's character in everything, as far as is consistent with truth.

64. The best general method of preaching is,—1. To convince; 2. To offer Christ; 3. To invite; 4. To build up: And to do this in some measure in every sermon.

65. The most effectual way of preaching Christ is to preach Him in all His offices; and to declare His law, as well as His Gospel, both to believers and unbelievers. Let us strongly and closely insist upon inward and outward holiness in all its branches.

66. It is by no means advisable for us to preach in as many places as we can without forming any Societies.

We should endeavor to preach most,—1. Where there is the greatest number of quiet and willing hearers; 2. Where there is most fruit.

We ought diligently to observe in what places God is pleased at any time to pour out His Spirit more abundantly, and at that time to send more laborers than usual into that part of the harvest.

67. We can further assist those under our care by instructing them in their own houses.

Family religion is wanting in many homes. What avail public preaching alone? We must, yea, every minister and every probationer must instruct the people from house to house. Let this be done, and that in good earnest.

SECTION IV.

The Election and Ordination of Ministers, and their Duties.

68. A minister is constituted by election of the Annual Conference, and by laying on of the hands of those duly appointed thereto.

69. The duties of a minister are,—

1. To conduct all parts of Divine worship.
2. To administer Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
3. To solemnize Matrimony, and in general to perform all the work of a Christian minister.

70. No minister who ceases to travel without the consent of the Annual Conference, certified under the hand of the President, except in case of sickness, debility, or other unavoidable circumstances, shall, on any account, exercise the peculiar functions of his office, or even be allowed to preach among us; nevertheless, the final determination in all such cases is with the Annual Conference.

71. After approval of the Annual Conference, a General Superintendent, with the President of the Annual Conference, may issue a commission, to which the seal of the Conference shall be attached, to authorize a minister of the Church to ordain, according to our form of ordination, such missionary or missionaries as may be stationed in distant parts of our work.

SECTION V.

The Reception of Ministers from other Churches.

72. Ministers who offer to unite with us from other Christian Churches may be received in the following manner:—

1. If they come to us with proper testimonials from any accredited Methodist Church, they may be received according to such credentials, provided they give satisfaction to the Annual Conference of their willingness to conform to our Church government and usages.

2. Candidates for the ministry from other Evangelical denominations may be received as candidates for our ministry, provided they give satisfaction that they are suitable persons to exercise the office; and that they believe in the doctrines and approve of the discipline, government and usages of our Church. The Chairman and any two ministers (members of the Conference) of the District within the bounds of which any such candidate may be travelling or resident, are authorized to act as a committee on behalf of the Annual Conference, to admit him into our Church; and he may be employed until the ensuing Annual Conference; and if he be recommended by an annual District Meeting, he may be received as a probationer for the ministry.

3. Ministers of other Evangelical Churches who may desire to unite with our Church may be received according to our usages, on condition of their taking upon them our ordination vows when required, without the re-imposition of hands, giving satisfaction to an Annual Conference of

their being duly ordained ministers, and of their agreement with us in doctrine, discipline, government and usages.

73. Whenever any such minister shall be received, he shall be furnished with a certificate signed by a General Superintendent and President, as follows :

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that.....has been received into.....Conference as a minister, he having been ordained to the office of the ministry, according to the usages of the.....Church, of which he has been a minister ; and he is hereby authorized to exercise the functions of his office in the Methodist Church so long as his life and conversation are such as become the Gospel of Christ.

Given under our hand and seal at.....
this.....day of....., in the year
of our Lord.....

.....

74. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in order to avoid an undue increase in the number of ministers, it shall not be competent for any Annual Conference, or officer thereof, to receive any minister or probationer for the ministry from another church, or from abroad, during the ensuing quadrennium (1898-1902).

CHAPTER III.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.

SECTION I.*Of Receiving Members into the Church.*

75. In order to prevent improper persons from insinuating themselves into the Church :

1. Let no one be received into the Church until such person has been at least three months on trial, and has been recommended by the Leaders' Meeting, or where no such meeting is held, by the Leader. Members in connection with other Evangelical Churches, who make application for admission into our Church, may be received by the Superintendent of the Circuit or Mission as members, when duly accredited, without the usual term of probation.

2. Let none be admitted on trial, nor receive tickets, but those who are recommended by one you know, or until they have met three or four times in class.

3. Read the Rules to them the first time they meet.

SECTION II.*Of the Relation of Baptized Children to the Church.*

76. We hold that all children, by virtue of the unconditional benefits of the atonement, are members of the

kingdom of God, and, therefore, graciously entitled to baptism; but as infant baptism contemplates a course of religious instruction and discipline, it is expected of all parents or guardians who present their children for baptism, that they use all diligence in bringing them up in conformity to the Word of God; and they should be solemnly admonished of this obligation, and earnestly exhorted to faithfulness therein.

77. We regard all children who have been baptized as placed in visible covenant relation to God, and under the special care and supervision of the Church; therefore, let every Superintendent urge upon all parents in his congregation the duty and importance of presenting their children to God in the ordinance of baptism, and keep a register of such Baptisms in a Baptismal Register to be provided and kept in connection with each Circuit.

78. As soon as the children shall have attained an age sufficient to understand, let them be taught the nature, design and obligations of their baptism, and the truths of religion necessary to make them wise unto salvation; let our Catechisms be placed in their hands, and let all who can, read and commit the same to memory; let them be encouraged to attend class, and to give regular attendance upon all the means of grace, according to their age, capacity and religious experience. Pray earnestly for them, and talk with them at every suitable opportunity.

79. As far as practicable, it shall be the duty of every Superintendent to obtain the names of the children of his congregation, to form them into catechumen classes for the purpose of giving them religious instruction, to instruct

them regularly himself, as his other duties will allow; to appoint a suitable Leader for each class, who shall instruct them in his absence, and leave for his successor a correct list of each class, with the name of its Leader, and make returns of the same, in a separate column, to the Annual District Meeting. It is understood, however, that they shall not necessarily be included in the column headed, "Total membership of the Church."

80. Whenever a baptized child shall, by orphanage or otherwise, become deprived of Christian guardianship, the Superintendent shall ascertain and report to the Leaders' Meeting the facts in the case; and such provision shall be made for the Christian training of the child as the circumstances may admit and require.

CHAPTER IV.

MEANS OF GRACE.

SECTION I.

Public Worship.

81. For the establishment of uniformity in public worship among us on the Lord's day:—

1. Let the morning service consist of (1) Doxology; (2) Invocation; (3) Hymn; (4) Prayer; (5) Anthem or Hymn; (6) a Scripture lesson out of the Old and one out of the New Testament—the minister and congregation

may read a portion responsively ; (7) Hymn ; (8) Sermon ; (9) Prayer ; (10) Collection ; (11) Hymn ; (12) Benediction. At the close of the service let the congregation bow in silent prayer.

2. The same order shall be observed in the afternoon and evening services, except that one lesson shall suffice.

3. Let the Lord's Prayer also be used on all occasions of public worship in concluding the first prayer, the congregation being recommended to join audibly and heartily, and the Apostolic benediction in dismissing the congregation.

4. In administering the ordinances, let the form in the Discipline be used. Let our own Hymn-Book be used in all the public services.

5. Let the people be earnestly exhorted to take part in the public worship of God—first, in singing ; secondly, in prayer, in the scriptural attitude of kneeling.

6. Let the Society be met, at least once a quarter, whenever it is practicable, on the Sabbath-day.

SECTION II.

The Spirit and Manner of Singing.

82. To guard against formality in singing :

1. Choose such hymns as are proper for the occasion, and do not sing too much at once ; seldom more than five or six verses.

2. Let the tune be suited to the words, and do not suffer the people to sing too slowly. Exhort every person in the congregation to sing.

3. Frequently remind the people of the importance of this part of religious worship, and exhort them to "sing with the spirit and with the understanding also."

4. Recommend our tune-book ; and appoint some suitable person to conduct the singing.

5. The singing and all other parts of public worship are under the control and direction of the Superintendent of the Circuit.

SECTION III.

Class Meetings.

83. Let all our members be enrolled in classes, and in order to render our Class Meetings interesting and profitable :

1. Let each Leader be careful to inquire how every soul in his Class prospers ; not only how each person observes the outward rules, but how he grows in the knowledge and love of God.

2. Let each Leader converse with those who have the charge of their Circuits frequently and freely.

3. Let improper Leaders be removed. See that all the Leaders be not only men of sound judgment, but men truly devoted to God. In order to this, let the Superintendent make strict inquiry in the Leaders' meeting, or where there is no such meeting, in the Fourth meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, into the moral character of all the Leaders, their punctuality in beginning and ending their Class Meeting in proper time, and whatever relates to their office.

4. Observe what Leaders are most useful ; and let them meet the other classes as often as possible. As a general rule, let no Leader have charge of more than one class.

SECTION IV.

Prayer Meetings.

84. Let meetings be held each week for prayer, fellowship, instruction in the Word of God, and spiritual edification.

SECTION V.

Love-feasts.

85. A Love-feast shall be held in each Circuit and Mission at least once a quarter.

SECTION VI.

Society Meetings.

86. Society Meetings shall be held once a quarter whenever it is practicable, under the direction of the Superintendent of the Circuit, or his colleague acting under his instruction.

The principal object of the meeting shall be the spiritual edification of the Church, by exhortation on the part of the

minister present, with prayer and other religious exercises. The members shall be faithfully admonished respecting their personal religion and Christian deportment, their closet and family duties, and their attendance upon the public and private means of grace. At these meetings the Rules of Society shall be read, and the representatives to attend the meetings of the Quarterly Official Board may be appointed.

SECTION VII.

Exclusion for Neglect of the Means of Grace.

87. If any members of the Church repeatedly and without sufficient reason neglect any of the means of grace, such as Class Meeting, Prayer Meeting, Public Worship, the Lord's Supper, the Ordinances of God, let the Superintendent, or his assistant, visit and admonish them, and if they continue their neglect let them receive notice of exclusion. Nevertheless, it shall be the privilege of all persons who are laid aside for neglect of the means of grace, and not for immoral conduct, to appear before the Leaders' Meeting or Quarterly Official Board to show cause why their names should be continued on the roll of membership, and if there be promise of amendment let them still be borne with.

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2. *What are the research objectives?*

3. *What is the research methodology?*

4. *What are the results of the study?*

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Part II.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH.



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CHAPTER I.

THE CONFERENCES.

SECTION I.

The General Conference.

88. The General Conference shall be composed of an equal number of Ministerial and Lay delegates, elected as hereinafter provided, and shall meet quadrennially.

89. The General Conference shall elect from the ministers of the Church, by ballot, without debate, one or more Itinerant General Superintendents, in agreement with the Basis of Union.

90. Each General Conference shall elect, by ballot, without debate, from among its members, a Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep a correct record of its proceedings, and to publish the Journals, under the direction of the General Conference. The Secretary so elected may nominate, and the Conference elect, an assistant or assistants.

91. Fifty members of the General Conference shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

92. A General Superintendent shall preside over all sessions of the General Conference, and over all the Standing Committees of the same; but in case no General

¶ 93 POWERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Superintendent be present, the General Conference or the Committees of the General Conference, shall elect, by ballot, without debate, a President, *pro tem*.

Powers of the General Conference.

93. The General Conference only shall have full power to make Rules and Regulations for our Church, under the following limitations and restrictions, viz. :

1. It shall not revoke, alter or change any Article of Religion, nor establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our existing and established Standards of Doctrine.

2. It shall not destroy the plan of our Itinerant system.

3. It shall not do away with the privileges of our ministers or probationers for the ministry, of trial by a Committee, and of an appeal; neither shall it do away with the privileges of our members of trial before the Society, or by a Committee, and of an appeal.

4. It shall not make any change in the General Rules of our Society, except by a three-fourths majority; and if required by either order of ministry or laity, a two-thirds majority of each order, voting separately.

5. No change shall be made in the Basis of Union affecting constitutional questions, or the rights and privileges of ministry or laity, except by a three-fourths majority of the General Conference; and if required by either ministry or laity, a two-thirds majority of each order, voting separately.

94. The General Conference, by a vote of two-thirds of its members, shall have power to increase or diminish the

number, or alter the boundaries of the several Annual Conferences.

95. There shall be ten Annual Conferences in our work, viz: Toronto, London, Hamilton, Bay of Quinte, Montreal, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Manitoba and North-West, and British Columbia, and one Mission Conference, Japan.

Duties of General Superintendents.

96. The General Superintendents shall hold office for eight years, and shall be eligible for re-election.

97. The General Superintendents shall be members and chairmen, *ex officio*, of all Standing Committees and Boards appointed by the General Conference, with the right to vote; but the one presiding shall have a casting vote only.

98. They shall not be stationed, but shall travel at large throughout the Church, and shall have the general oversight of all Church interests and institutions, and do all in their power to forward them, and render such service as the General Conference may direct. They shall give special attention to such interests as are connexional in their character, leaving local or conferential matters to the Annual Conference authorities as far as possible. They shall not interfere with the functions of the ministers and other officers of the Church in their prescribed duties.

99. They shall decide any question of law arising in any of the Committees or Boards over which they preside; but any member of such Committee or Board, or any minister or member whose interests are affected by such decision, shall have the right to appeal to the Court of Appeal.

¶ 100 GENERAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

100. They shall be members of the Annual Conference to which they belonged at the time of their election office.

101. They shall not take part in the proceedings their Annual Conferences any further than their duties General Superintendents may require.

102. They shall be responsible to the General Conference for all their official acts.

General Conference Special Committee.

103. The General Conference shall appoint a Special Committee of twelve ministers and twelve laymen, on nomination of the General Superintendent, which shall, in association with the General Superintendent or Superintendents, from one General Conference to another, watch over and guard all the rights and privileges of our Church throughout the Connexion, promote as far as possible the recommendations of the General Conference, consider and decide upon any measure which may seem necessary for the general interests of the Church and could not have been foreseen at the meeting of the General Conference, and adopt such measures for their accomplishment as they may judge expedient. The said Committee shall report to the General Conference.

104. The General Conference Special Committee shall have power to call a special session of the General Conference at any time, which shall be composed of the members of the last regular General Conference, all vacancies having been filled as hereinafter provided.

105. In the event of the death or disability of a General Superintendent, the Secretary of the General Conference, or five members of the Special Committee of the General Conference, shall call together that Committee, when it shall elect a successor, who shall fill the office until the next General Conference.

Duties and Powers of Boards and Committees.

106. When any vacancy occurs during the quadrennium in any Board or Committee of the General Conference, by death, resignation or otherwise, the same shall be filled by the surviving members of such Board or Committee, unless some other provision has been made for filling such vacancy.

107. Any Board or Committee having charge of any fund of the Church may borrow, upon the credit and security of such fund, such sum or sums of money as it may find necessary for the purposes thereof, and may hypothecate, mortgage and pledge so much of the real or personal property held in trust for such fund as may be necessary to secure any sum or sums so borrowed. Any document or documents required therefor may be executed on behalf of the Church by such person or persons as the respective Boards or Committees may direct.

108. The Boards and Committees of the General Conference shall report in detail, quadrennially, the salaries, house-rent and other allowances of the heads of departments in connection with the Conference, and the source of payments.

109. All Standing Committees and Boards shall present their reports to the General Conference in duplicate.

General Conference Collection.

110. An annual collection shall be made through the whole work for the General Conference Fund, and Annual Conferences shall fix the time when such collection shall be taken up in the churches. A collection for this purpose shall also be taken up in the church in which the General Conference is held, during its sitting. The officers of the General Conference appointed for the purpose shall disburse only the amount on hand for General Conference expenses, leaving each delegate deficient in his expense an equally proportionate amount.

SECTION II.

The Court of Appeal.

111. The Court of Appeal shall consist of the General Superintendents and twelve other persons—six ministers and six laymen—to be elected by ballot by the General Conference from twelve ministers and twelve laymen to be nominated by the General Superintendents.

1. The Court shall elect its own Secretary by ballot.
2. A majority of those present shall be necessary to render a decision, but such a majority shall not be less than five.
3. The Court shall hear and determine appeals :
 - (a) From decisions of the presiding officers of Annual Conferences on questions of law ;
 - (b) From decisions of Presidents of Annual Conferences on questions of law ;

(c) From decisions of Annual Conferences when they have exceeded their jurisdiction ;

(d) From decisions of Committees appointed to settle disputes as to boundaries of Annual Conferences, cases of invasion, and the like ;

(e) From decisions of General Superintendents on questions of law in the Committees and Boards over which they preside ;

(f) From decisions of Committees and Boards of the General Conference when they have exceeded their jurisdiction ;

When any of the above appeals is not from the decision of a General Superintendent, it may be heard and determined by the General Superintendents, or one of them. If either party gives notice of dissent therefrom, the appeal shall be heard by the full Court ; otherwise the decision shall be final. The General Superintendents, or Superintendent, instead of hearing the appeal, may remit it at once to the full Court. The decision of the latter shall, in all cases, be final.

4. In case of a dispute between two adjoining Circuits of different Annual Conferences, or between two Conferences, as to boundaries, invasion, or the like, the General Superintendent shall endeavor to adjust the difficulty, and, if he cannot do so, he shall select a committee of five ministers or official members, who shall hear and determine the matter as nearly as may be in the manner provided for trial. Either party may appeal from the decision of the Committee to the Court of Appeal, whose decision shall be final and binding upon all parties.

5. No member of the Court of Appeal who is personally interested in an appeal shall sit on the case. When objection is made on this ground, by appellant or respondent, the remaining members of the Court shall determine whether he is thus disqualified.

6. Any person or Church court appealing to the Court of Appeal shall have the right to appear before the Court in person, or by representative, to prosecute such appeal. The same right shall be accorded to the respondent, but in every case such representative shall be an accredited member of the Methodist Church.

7. In all cases of appeal, notice shall be given by the party appealing to a General Superintendent, who shall, after notice of appeal, assemble the Court as soon as possible.

8. In all cases of appeal against the action of an Annual Conference the appeal must be taken within sixty days after the closing of said Conference, and the decision be given before the opening of the next Annual Conference.

9. In all cases unprovided for, the Court shall have power to frame rules of order for itself.

10. The Court shall keep a full and correct record of its proceedings; such record shall include (a) the ruling or decision appealed against; (b) the grounds of the appeal; (c) the grounds of resistance of the appeal; (d) the decision of the Court; (e) a summary of the reasons of the decision. The decisions shall be published in the *Guardian* and *Wesleyan*.

SECTION III.

The Committee on Transfers.

112. The Transfer Committee shall be composed of the General Superintendents and the Presidents of the Annual Conferences, except Mission Conferences, and shall meet annually at the call of the General Superintendent.

1. The General Superintendents and Presidents of Conferences concerned shall have authority to initiate correspondence with ministers and circuits with a view of completing arrangements to secure necessary and desirable transfers.

2. All communications from Presidents of Annual Conferences, in relation to transfers from their Conferences, and from ministers who desire a transfer, shall be sent to each of the General Superintendents not later than the 10th day of March in each year.

3. The General Superintendent shall notify the President of each Annual Conference concerned in the proposed transfer of all proposed or desired transfers to or from his Conference, not later than the 20th day of March in each year, and the President shall immediately notify any member of his Conference affected by such proposed or desired transfer.

4. A proposal to transfer a minister or probationer, who has not requested it, may be made by any member of the Transfer Committee; provided that, in every case, notice of such proposal to transfer be given to the person concerned on or before the 15th day of March in each year,

and that no minister be transferred without his own consent, except by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

5. Whenever a Circuit requests the appointment of a minister from another Conference, the Quarterly Official Board of such Circuit shall pay the moving expenses. Ministers transferred at their own request shall pay their own moving expenses, but in the case of the transfer of a minister, who has not requested to be transferred, his moving expenses shall be paid by the General Conference Fund. Those transferred at the request of the Missionary authorities shall receive their moving expenses from the Mission Fund.

6. The Transfer Committee shall have authority to fix the date at which the transfer shall take effect.

7. Each minister or probationer transferred shall be subject to the action of the Stationing Committee, and shall be under the special charge of the President of the Conference to which he is transferred, until he is stationed.

8. The ultimate claims of any minister or probationer upon the Connexional Funds shall not be prejudiced by his transfer.

9. The Secretary of each Transfer Committee shall, immediately after the rising of the Committee, report to the President of each Annual Conference affected all transfers to and from his Conference, and the date at which such transfer shall take place.

10. The decisions of the Committee in all cases of transfer shall be final.

11. The General Superintendent, and the Presidents of

The two Conferences concerned, shall have authority to transfer any probationer on the list of reserve to any Conference where a supply is required.

12. The General Superintendent and the Presidents concerned shall have authority to transfer, during the year, any minister from one Conference to another for the purpose of filling a vacancy, provided it be not done without the consent of the minister concerned.

13. In case an emergency arises between the Annual Conferences, making it necessary to transfer a minister to supply the work on any missionary field of the North-West or the Pacific Coast, the General Superintendents, together with the Presidents of any of the Annual Conferences interested, shall have authority to transfer such minister, provided they deem it desirable and such minister is willing to be transferred.

14. The Chairman of a District in which a transferred man has been stationed during the year previous to his transfer, shall report to the President of the Conference to which such minister has been transferred, whether or not in his case the usual disciplinary questions concerning character and standing have been satisfactorily answered; nevertheless this shall not be necessary in cases where the transfer does not take effect until after the usual examination of character in the Conference out of which the transfer is made.

15. At least four married men shall be transferred from the Newfoundland Conference to the other Conferences during the quadrennium, if such men so desire. The men transferred into the Newfoundland Conference shall have the right to return after ten years, if they so desire.

16. Not more than one of the ministers transferred from the Newfoundland Conference shall be transferred into any one Conference without the consent of the President of such Conference.

SECTION IV.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Ministerial Session of the Annual Conference.

113. The ministerial members of each Annual Conference shall hold a special session (to be called the Ministerial Session) for the business to be transacted by ministers alone, in advance of the meeting of the Annual Conference for general business. Such special session shall be presided over by a General Superintendent or the President and shall be held at least one day prior to the meeting of the Annual Conference, as may be determined by the previous Annual Conference, or at the call of the President.

114. Should it be found necessary, a special Ministerial Session may be held at any time during the sessions of the Annual Conference.

115. The Ministers of the Annual Conference, in Ministerial Session, shall examine the character and qualifications of all ministers and probationers for the ministry belonging to the Conference, in accordance with the Discipline, and their decisions shall be final, except in cases of appeal on questions of law. They shall have authority to elect into full Connexion and ordain any probationer within

s bounds who has completed his probation and fulfilled all disciplinary requirements; also, to elect to ordination and chain probationers who have not yet completed these requirements, when the necessities of the work require it.

116. Notwithstanding irregularities or defects in the action of any former Annual Conference respecting the standing of probationers, it shall be competent for any annual Conference in ministerial session to review and correct the standing of all probationers, especially as to their studies, during the entire term of their probation, and on the proposal to ordain and receive them into full connexion; and the President may call the attention of conference to any case in hand and administer therein.

117. When a minister is so unacceptable, inefficient or peculiar as to be no longer useful in his work, the ministerial session may request him to ask a location, and if he refuses to comply, he shall be borne with until the next annual session, at which time, if he persist in his refusal, he may, without a formal trial, be located by a two-thirds vote of the ministers present and voting. Ministers who are located by the action of an Annual Conference shall not exercise the functions of the ministry of our Church.

118. A pastoral address to the churches shall be prepared and issued by the Ministerial Session of Conference.

119. A record of the proceedings of the Ministerial sessions shall be kept by the Secretary, who shall report the same to the Annual Conference, for information and insertion in the Journal of Conference and not for discussion.

120. *Business of the Ministerial Session.*

The following order shall be observed :

The Presiding Officer shall open the session with usual devotional services, and shall then cause the roll of the ministerial members of the Conference to be called.

1. What ministers or probationers have been transferred to or from this Conference?

2. Who are appointed as a Committee on Conference Relations?

3. What superannuated or supernumerary ministers recommended to be restored to the active work?

4. Who are recommended to a superannuated relation?

5. Who are recommended to be superannuated for the year?

6. Who are recommended to a supernumerary relation?

7. Are there any objections or charges preferred against any of our ministers or probationers?

To this inquiry, each District Secretary shall answer for his District, after which time shall be given to the Chairman to report any charges preferred between District Meeting and Conference, and to report the progress made in the investigation of such charges.

8. Who have resigned from the ministry of our Church and are entitled to credentials of standing? No credentials shall be given until all claims in favor of the Educational and other Connexional Funds are settled.

9. Who are dropped in silence for irregular withdrawal from our work?

10. Who are suspended from the ministry?

11. Who are deposed from the ministry?

12. Who are deposed from the ministry and expelled from the Church?

13. What probationers for the ministry are now received into full connexion with the Conference and ordained?

14. What probationers for the ministry remain on trial?

a) Who are probationers of four years and are continued at College?

b) Who are probationers of three years?

c) Who are probationers of two years?

d) Who are probationers of one year?

e) Who are probationers on the list of reserve?

f) Who are recommended to be sent to College?

The names of these shall be referred to the Educational Committee for consideration.

15. What candidates for the ministry are now received on trial?

16. What is the report of the Committee on Conference relations?

17. What is the report of the Committee on the Pastoral address?

18. Who are the Committee on the Pastoral Address next year?

19. Who are the superannuated ministers?

20. Who are the supernumerary ministers?

21. Who are now located?

SECTION V.

The Annual Conference.

121. Each Annual Conference shall be composed of ministers within its jurisdiction who have been received into full Connexion, and an equal number of laymen have been elected as elsewhere provided.

122. Each Annual Conference shall assemble not later than the first Wednesday in May, nor later than the Wednesday in June of each year, and shall, within that limitation, determine the time and place of its meeting from year to year.

123. Each Annual Conference shall elect by ballot, without debate, from among its ministerial members a President. It shall also elect by ballot, without debate, a Secretary who shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Conference, which shall be signed by the President and Secretary, and preserved among the documents of the Conference. The Secretary of Conference shall publish statistical returns as reported from the Districts to the Conference, and immediately after Conference shall report the same to the General Conference Statistician.

Duties of Presiding Officers.

124. 1. The General Superintendent, when present, shall open the Annual Conference, and preside during the day of its sessions, and afterward alternately with the President elected by the Conference. In the absence of a General Superintendent, the President shall take

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fair and open the Conference. In association with the president, the General Superintendent shall conduct the ordination service, and they shall jointly sign the ordination parchments. But all other duties pertaining to the presidency of the Annual Conference shall be vested in the president elected by that body, and, in the absence of the General Superintendent, he shall conduct the ordination service.

2. Any questions of law arising in the Annual Conference during its sessions shall be determined by the General Superintendent or President presiding, but any member of the Conference may appeal from such decision to the Court of Appeal.

3. The President of an Annual Conference shall also have authority to decide questions of law arising in the Conference Committees over which he presides, but any member of such Committee shall have right to appeal to the Court of Appeal. He shall also, within sixty days from the date of the appeal, hear and determine appeals from the decisions of Chairmen of Districts within the Conference on questions of law, notice of such appeal to be given within two weeks after notice of the decision appealed against.

4. Where the President of the Conference is interested in the appeal, either personally or because of having been concerned in any way in the trial appealed from, the appeal may be taken directly to a General Superintendent or to the Court of Appeal.

5. All such decisions and rulings shall be given in writing, and recorded in the Journal of the Annual Conference.

6. On questions of the administration of Discipline, appeals on questions of law, and respecting all other unfinished official business, it shall be the duty of the President of the Annual Conference to administer upon such of the above-named questions as may have been left unsettled by his predecessor in office; and in general the principle of the continuity of the presidential office, from year to year, is hereby affirmed.

125. In the event of the death or disability of the President of an Annual Conference, the last ex-President who is at the time a member of the Conference shall immediately enter upon the duties of the presidency, and discharge them during the continuance of such disability or to the end of the year; but in case there be no President of such Annual Conference, then the Secretary of such Conference shall call together the Special Committee, who shall elect by ballot a President, who shall continue in office till the ensuing Conference, or until the removal of such disability.

Stationing of Ministers.

126. Each Annual Conference shall have a Stationing Committee, composed of the President of the Conference (who shall preside in the Committee), the Chairmen of the Districts, and one minister elected by each District Meeting. Such election shall be by the joint votes of ministers, probationers and laymen, and shall always be by ballot.

127. Each Annual Conference shall station all ministers and probationers for the ministry within its bounds according to the rules of the Discipline or the Stationing Committee, and it shall have authority to re-

all appointments made by the Stationing Committee be in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline.

8. The President of the Annual Conference shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the District in which he may be stationed during the year of his presidency.

9. When the stations have been confirmed by the reading of them to the Conference, the Secretary shall read over successively the names of the ministers stationed in each District, and the Conference shall elect by ballot one of its members so stationed to be Chairman for the ensuing year.

10. Immediately after the election of the Chairman declared by the President, the Chairman shall nominate a Financial Secretary for his District, and the Conference, if it approves, shall appoint the same.

Election of Delegates to General Conference.

11. Each Annual Conference, at the session next preceding each quadrennial meeting of the General Conference, shall divide into Ministerial and Lay Electoral Conferences, for the purpose of electing delegates; each body electing its own representatives. They shall be elected by ballot within the jurisdiction of the Annual Conference electing them.

12. The ministerial delegates shall consist of one member for every twelve ministerial members of each Annual Conference; provided, nevertheless, that a fraction of one shall entitle a Conference to an additional representative.

133. Each delegate to the General Conference receive a majority of the votes of the members of Electoral Conference who may be present and vote, into an election.

134. No layman shall be chosen a delegate to the General Conference who is under twenty-five years of age, or has not been a member of the Church continuously during the five years next preceding his election.

135. Each Electoral Conference, after the election of the number of delegates to which it is entitled, shall then proceed to elect a reserve delegate, and in addition one reserve delegate for every ten members, or fraction thereof of one-half, it is entitled to send.

136. The Secretary of each Electoral Conference report to the Annual Conference the names of the delegates elected to the General Conference, in the order of election; and the President and Secretary shall report soon as practicable, their names and addresses to the Secretary of the General Conference.

137. When vacancies occur in the delegation before the meeting of the General Conference, by reason of death, resignation, or other cause, the reserves of the respective Annual Conference shall have precedence in the order of their election, and be notified thereof by the President of their Annual Conference. When a principal delegate's place has been declared vacant and filled by a reserve, the principal delegate shall not afterwards be permitted to fill his place, either during the regular, or an adjourned special session of the General Conference.

138. At the first, second and third Annual Confer-

ceeding a General Conference, all vacancies in the delegation, by reason of death, resignation, transfer, or otherwise, shall be filled according to the rules in the preceding paragraphs, further ministerial and lay reserve delegates being elected to succeed those who have been taken to fill vacancies, or who have been advanced to a higher place on the list.

Conference Missionary Committee.

39. Each Annual Conference shall appoint a Conference Missionary Committee, which shall consist of the President of the Conference, the Chairmen of Districts, and one layman elected by ballot by the laymen of each Annual District Meeting. It shall receive the missionary report made to the Conference from the General Board, and distribute the same to the fields under its care, subject to the Constitution of the Missionary Society. It shall complete its work within the year, and its action shall be final.

Conference Special Committee.

40. Each Annual Conference shall appoint a Special Committee, consisting of the President and Secretary of the Conference, the Chairmen of Districts, and five other members of the Conference to be nominated by the President, who shall have power to consider and decide upon all matters affecting the Conference, which could not have been provided for at the time of the sitting of the Conference. The Special Committee shall report its proceedings at the next ensuing Annual Conference.

Miscellaneous.

141. The lay members of each Annual Conference shall hold a special session during the sessions of the Conference and their proceedings may be reported to the Conference for information.

142. Each Annual Conference shall have the power to determine the date of the closing of the financial year within its own limits. All accounts and returns for the Conference year shall be closed at the Annual District Meeting.

Business of the Annual Conference.

143. The business of the ordinary session of the Annual Conference shall proceed in the following order :

1. The Presiding officer shall open the Conference with the usual devotional services, and shall then call for the names of the laymen reported as elected by the District Meetings ; after which the roll of the members shall be called.

2. The Conference shall then elect by ballot its President, and then its Secretary, and also appoint a Statistical Secretary, who shall be Chairman of the Statistical Committee, after which it shall fill any vacancies in the office of Chairmen of Districts.

3. What is the report of the Special Ministerial Session of the Conference ?

4. What is the report of the Conference Special Committee ?

5. What decisions has the President rendered on questions of law during the year ?

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6. Who compose the several Conference Committees : The Stationing Committee ? Sabbath Schools ? Epworth League ? Contingent Fund ? Educational ? Missionary ? Sustentation ? Memorials and Miscellaneous Resolutions ? Statistical Returns ? Temperance ? State of the Work ? Church Property ?

7. What ministers or probationers for the ministry have died during the year ?

8. What probationers for the ministry are appointed to attend Victoria University, the University of Mount Allison College, the Wesleyan Theological College, Wesley College, Winnipeg, or the Columbian College, British Columbia ?

9. Who compose the Board of examiners for this year ?

10. What minister is appointed by the ministerial members of this Conference to the General Board of Missions ?

11. What layman has been elected to the General Board of Missions by the lay members of the Conference ?

12. Who are the Conference Treasurers for the Conference Funds : General Conference ? Contingent ? Union Church Relief ? Superannuation ? Supernumerary ? Sustentation ? Educational ? Missionary ? Sunday School Aid ?

13. Who are elected to fill vacancies in the General Conference delegations ?

14. What new Districts, Circuits and Missions have been formed ?

15. What changes in relation to church property are now recommended ?

16. What is the number of church members, churches,

and other places of worship, and attendance on worship on each Circuit and Mission? What is the number of deaths of members, baptisms administered, and of marriages solemnized by each minister?

17. What is the number of ministers, probationers for the ministry, and laymen in the Quarterly Official Boards Of Sabbath Schools? And (at the Conference preceding the General Conference) what Connexional property is returned? These questions shall be answered in accordance with the authorized Conference Schedules.

18. What has been collected on each District for the various Connexional Funds? Have these amounts been remitted at the proper time to the several Treasurers, and paid over to the several claimants?

19. What are the reports of the several Committees?

20. Have the District Sabbath School and Epworth League Conventions been held?

21. What further measures can be adopted for the promotion of the work of God within or beyond the bounds of the Conference, and what are the recommendations of the District Meetings on this important subject?

22. Where are the ministers and probationers for the ministry stationed for the ensuing year?

23. Who are the Chairmen of Districts and the Financial Secretaries for the ensuing year?

24. Who compose the Conference Special Committee?

SECTION VI.

The Stationing Committee.

144 1. The Stationing Committee shall meet, at the call of the President, at the place appointed for holding the Annual Conference, previous to the commencement of its sessions.

2. The Stationing Committee shall meet as often as may be necessary, during the sessions of the Conference, for the revision of the stations, and any minister shall have the right to appear before the Committee to represent his case in regard to his appointment.

3. Any Quarterly Board interested may also appear by not more than two representatives properly authorized in writing, appointed from among its members at a regular meeting of the Board, or at a meeting of the members of the Board called for this purpose only, by the Superintendent, or two other members of the Board, a majority being present, all having been notified.

4. The first draft of stations, in printed form, shall be placed on the table of the Conference at the close of the first session, and copies shall be supplied to the members; the second and final draft at any time before the close of the Conference, as the Conference may order. At least one of the Christian names of each minister and probationer shall be published instead of the initials only.

5. The Stationing Committee shall not allow any minister or probationer for the ministry to remain more than three years successively on the same Circuit, except the General

¶ 144, § 6 THE STATIONING COMMITTEE.

Conference officers, superannuated and supernumerary ministers, the missionaries among the Indians and on the French and Foreign Mission Districts, and such ministers as may be appointed to our educational institutions; nor shall a minister be reappointed to a Circuit or Mission within a less interval than six years. Provided, however, that at the request of the Quarterly Board, expressed by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting by ballot at a regular meeting (notice having been duly given that the question of the pastoral supply will be considered thereat), the Stationing Committee may appoint a minister to a Circuit or Station for four or five years in succession.

6. On the division of a Circuit, no minister who has travelled successively the three preceding years on said Circuit shall be appointed to either part of it; nevertheless, this rule shall not apply to those places which may be transferred in adjusting the work by the Annual District Meeting, which transfer has been sanctioned by the Stationing Committee.

7. The President, of an Annual Conference, and the Chairman and Financial Secretary of each District concerned, shall have authority to change the stations of ministers or probationers in the intervals of Conference when the interests of the work shall appear to them to demand such change.

8. From among probationers received by the Annual Conferences during the ensuing quadrennium, the Stationing Committees shall appoint only so many as are urgently needed to supply existing fields. All others shall be put upon a list of reserve, which shall be placed in the hands

of the General Superintendent, and from this list he shall select, on the request of any President, supplies for vacancies that may occur.

9. Ministers left without a station for the year shall be assigned to a Circuit, and probationers sent to college or left on the list of reserves shall be assigned to a District.

10. To the name of each Graduate in Arts, who is a probationer in Circuit work, shall be attached the name of the Connexional College in which he is to be examined on his Conference Course of Study.

11. The names of the colleges to which probationers are sent shall appear with their names in the respective districts in the final draft of stations.

12. All probationers in the General Course who have travelled three years and all graduates who have travelled two years are required to attend college for the prescribed term.

Formation of Districts, Circuits and Missions.

13. Districts are to be formed according to the judgment of the Stationing Committee, subject to the approval of the Annual Conference.

14. Circuits are to be formed by the Stationing Committee, on the recommendation of the District Meeting. *Provided, nevertheless,* that Circuits supporting their own ministers, shall not be divided till such divisions have been approved by their respective Quarterly Official Boards, and their approval signified in writing by the Recording Steward; or, otherwise, by a *two-thirds* vote of the Annual District Meeting, when the laymen are present.

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SECTION VII.

The Board of Examiners.

145. 1. Each Annual Conference shall appoint a Board of Examiners, who shall meet the candidates and probationers for the ministry belonging to such Conference at one or more central places, and examine them upon the prescribed course of study, by printed or written questions, supplemented by oral examinations when necessary, and give certificates to the successful candidates and probationers on forms prepared by order of the General Conference, who shall present them to the Annual District Meeting, and shall be prepared to submit them at any time to Conference or College authorities when required to do.

2. Each Examining Board shall have authority to accept Provincial Teachers' Certificates of the *first* or *second* class, Matriculation Certificates, and Undergraduates' certificates, for such subjects of the course of study as are covered by these certificates. Crt

3. Only British and Canadian Academical titles shall be recognized in the records of the Church, and foreign degrees which, in the opinion of any of our colleges, entitle the holder to admission *ad eundem gradum*. Such resolution shall not be retroactive. The Secretary of each Conference Examining Board shall report to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the titles thus authenticated.

4. Superintendents of Circuits shall report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, immediately after the third Quarterly Meeting, the names and addresses of all

candidates coming up for examination in the preliminary course.

5. Candidates for the ministry shall be required to present a certificate or other evidence of matriculation (with the Greek option) into a Canadian or other British University, or an equivalent certificate from one of our own colleges; provided that a matriculant who has not taken Greek at matriculation must pass on that subject in his Conference preliminary examination; provided, moreover, when the necessities of the work demand, an Annual Conference may, by a two-thirds vote, on recommendation of the Examining Board and District Meeting, admit a candidate on his passing the Preliminary Examination provided for non-matriculants.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Conference or College Examining Board to give a record of standing in each subject to each candidate or probationer, showing how far he has advanced in his course; and for this purpose every probationer shall forward his certificate to the Secretary for entry of additional subjects to his credit in time to submit it to the Annual District Meeting.

7. The standard qualification for young men recommended to be received into our Conferences as probationers shall not be lower than fifty per cent. in the aggregate of the marks on the preliminary course for non-matriculants and thirty-three and one-third per cent. in each subject; the same in theological subjects for matriculants in Arts; also a standing of fifty per cent. shall be required in order to pass in each subject of the subsequent course for probationers on Circuit.

SECTION VIII.

Evangelists.

46. 1. Each Annual Conference shall have power to make rules and regulations by which to select and authorize evangelists, and direct evangelistic work within its bounds.

. No Evangelist shall be employed whose teaching is not in harmony with our Doctrinal Standards, or whose work tends to lessen attachment to our Church.

. No Annual Conference shall appoint a minister or probationer as an Evangelist without clear evidence that he is called of God to that work.

. No minister or probationer shall enter upon the field at large as an Evangelist without the consent of his Conference.

. Superintendents of Circuits employing Evangelists, other than recognized ministers of the Methodist Church, shall engage only those that are amenable to the Church with respect to the doctrines they teach, and labor under the supervision of the pastor, and with the consent of the Quarterly Board where they are employed.

. Evangelists other than recognized ministers and local preachers of our Church, who may be employed by a Superintendent of a Circuit, shall, under the provision of the Discipline, be examined by the Chairman of the District, and previously to commencing their work, undergo an examination similar to that provided in the Discipline for local preachers.

. No Superintendent of a Circuit shall be permitted to employ any unauthorized Evangelist without first obtaining the consent of the Chairman of the District.

8. When any minister is employed as an Evangelist, arrangements shall be made by which he shall receive regular salary from contributions paid into a fund for that purpose.

SECTION IX.

Deaconesses.

147. 1. Each Annual Conference may, if deemed desirable, make provision for such a systematic organization of consecrated Christian women as will give them an official relation to the Church, similar to the order of Deaconesses in Primitive Christianity. Such women, being duly qualified, shall be employed as aids to the pastor. No voluntary life-long service shall be exacted from them.

2. Deaconesses shall wear the distinctive dress registered by authority of the General Conference in the office of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

3. Deaconesses' homes should be established wherever practicable and practicable, in the cities and large towns of the Conferences.

4. Certificates may be issued to duly qualified persons authorizing them to perform the duty of Deaconesses in connection with the Church; provided that no person receive such certificate until she has served a year of probation of two years, completed the prescribed course of study, and shall be over twenty-two years of age.

CHAPTER II.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

SECTION I.

Special Ministerial Session.

148. The territory occupied by each Annual Conference divided into Districts.

149. A Special Ministerial Session, composed of all ministers within the jurisdiction of the District, for the business to be transacted by the ministers alone, shall be held in advance of the Meeting of the District for general business, at such time as the Chairman of the District shall determine.

150. The ministers of the District, in special session, shall examine the character and qualifications of all ministers and probationers for the ministry belonging to the District, in accordance with the Discipline.

151. A record of the proceedings of the Ministerial session shall be kept by a secretary appointed for that purpose, who shall report the same to the District Meeting for formation and insertion in the District Minutes, and be forwarded to the Annual Conference.

Business of the Session.

152. The business of the Ministerial Session shall proceed in the following order :

1. The presiding officer shall open the session with the usual devotional services.

2. A secretary of the Ministerial Session shall be elected and the roll of the ministerial members of the District be called.

3. The chairman shall then inquire, Are the ministers and probationers blameless in life, conversation and doctrine?

He shall also ask distinctly and successively concerning each minister and probationer:

(1) Is there any objection to his moral and religious character?

(2) Does he believe and preach all our doctrines?

(3) Has he duly observed and enforced our Discipline?

(4) Has he been punctual in attending all his appointments?

(5) Has he competent abilities for our itinerant work?

A separate answer to each of these questions is expected to appear in the District Minutes.

4. Who have been on probation for the ministerial years, and are now recommended to be received into connexion and ordained?

5. What graduates have been on probation for four years and are now recommended to be received into full connexion and ordained?

6. Who are recommended to be continued on probation?

(a) Who are probationers of four years attending College?

(b) Who are probationers of three years?

(c) Who are probationers of two years?

(d) Who are probationers of one year?

7. What probationers are on the list of reserve?

8. What candidates are recommended to be received into the Church?

probation for the ministry? (Their full Christian names shall be recorded in the District and Conference Journals and published in the Minutes.)

9. What ministers or probationers for the ministry have died?

10. Who are recommended as Superannuated ministers?

11. Who are recommended as Supernumerary ministers?

12. Who have resigned from the ministry of our Church, and are recommended to receive credentials of standing?

13. Who have withdrawn irregularly from our work; and what is the recommendation of the District in the case?

14. Who have been suspended during the year; and what is the recommendation of the District Meeting in the case?

15. What Superannuated or Supernumerary ministers are recommended to be restored to the active work?

153. Can any measures be adopted for increasing the efficiency of our ministerial labors and the promotion of the work of God?

1. Are all the means possible used to visit all the towns and settlements within the boundaries of each Circuit or Mission?

2. Are there earnest attempts made, in every place where there are services, to form classes?

3. Is sufficient time allotted in the arrangement for the quarterly visitation of the classes, and the renewal of tickets for the Superintendent, or his assistant, to acquaint himself with the state of each member and to give suitable advice to each? Have you regularly met the classes, quarterly, and renewed the tickets, according to Discipline?

4. Have the General Rules been read during the year, and have they been given to the members on trial, according to the Discipline?

5. Do the brethren pay sufficient attention to pastoral visitation, and to catechizing the children of our members and friends?

154. These important inquiries shall be followed by a solemn review of the state of the work of God. And suggestions for the religious improvement of our children and the members of our Church, and especially for the greater efficiency of our ministerial labors, are to be entered on the Minutes of the District Meeting, and, when then necessary, recommended to the consideration of the Annual Conference.

155. All the foregoing questions and directions shall be considered as belonging to the examination of character and ministerial affairs, and as pertaining to the ministerial session of the District Meeting.

SECTION II.

Probationers for the Ministry.

156. *Regulations as to Probationers for the Ministry.*

1. Every probationer for the ministry shall pursue the course of study prescribed by the General Conference; before he shall be received into full connexion he shall submit to the Annual District Meeting, from year to year, his certificate of standing in his course of study.

2. The Chairman shall also examine every probationer of the ministry respecting his acquaintance with the books commended to him, and the general course of reading which he has pursued during the preceding year. For this purpose every such probationer is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District a list of the books which he has read since the preceding Annual District Meeting, apart from text books required in his course of study. This list shall be laid before the meeting, that the senior ministers may have an opportunity of giving to the probationers such advice and directions respecting their studies as may appear necessary.

157. District Meeting Examination.

1. In addition to the preceding course of inquiry, the following questions are to be put every year by the Chairman to every probationer for the ministry on the District, that they need not be inserted in the District Minutes. It is enough to say that the usual questions were put to the probationers and satisfactorily answered; or, if otherwise, state the case.

(a) Have you now faith in Christ, and are you going on to perfection?

(b) Have you attended regularly to private prayer, and the devotional reading of the Scriptures, and books of a ritual and experimental kind, in order to keep up devout and lively religious feelings in your own heart?

(c) Have you carefully visited the sick under your charge, and others to whom you could obtain access?

(d) Have you visited the people at their houses, inquiring

into their religious state, praying with them, and administering wholesome counsel; and have you catechized children of the schools, and those of your friends and hearers, as you have had opportunity?

(e) Have you had fruit of your ministry during the year, and are you endeavoring so to state the leading truths of Christian doctrine and experience in your discourses, so to apply them with affection, earnestness, and prayer, to do all in your power to secure success in your work?

(f) Do you take snuff, tobacco or intoxicating drink? A distinct answer in the negative shall be required in each case, as a condition of continuing on probation from year to year.

(g) Answer the following questions in such terms as you would use in stating the doctrines they contain to an inquirer under religious impressions, or in your sermons. What is Evangelical Repentance? What is Justification? What is Justifying Faith? What is the direct Witness of the Spirit? What is the indirect Witness of the Spirit? What is Christian Perfection? What is the difference between Justification and Sanctification? What is the difference between Justification and Regeneration? What is the difference between Sanctification and Entire Sanctification?

Let these points be proved in order by appropriate passages of Holy Writ.

2. The brethren will see the propriety of conducting this part of the proceedings with peculiar deliberation and solemnity, as in the immediate presence of God; and may enlarge on doctrinal questions as they may desire.

sary, so as to lead the probationers to a right understanding and an appropriate expression of our leading principles and peculiarities as a Church.

§ 8. Length of Probation.

The time for probationers for our ministry to remain on trial shall not be less than as follows :

1.) Undergraduates taking a full University Course in Science and Theology and obtaining the degree of B.D. before reception into full Connexion—four years, two at college and two on a circuit.

2.) Undergraduates in Arts taking the B.A. degree prior to reception into full Connexion—four years, two at college, one of which shall be occupied exclusively in theological studies, and two on a circuit.

In the case of these two classes of Probationers, attendance at college may precede the work on a circuit, and one year may be allowed for such attendance before being received on trial, but this shall be at the option of the Annual Conference, and shall not in any case diminish the time required to be spent on a circuit.

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3.) All others five years, three on a circuit and two at college; attendance at college to follow the probation on a circuit, except when specially otherwise determined by the Annual Conference.

This shall not interfere with the provisions and constitutions of the Superannuated and Supernumerary Ministers' Societies, which allow but for four years on probation.

§ 9. Attendance at College.

All probationers for our ministry shall attend at one of our Theological Colleges for a period of not less

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that two years. It is recommended that, whenever possible, the time be extended to three years.

2. The Faculties in Theology in the different colleges are authorized to require students to take the equivalent of the full Conference course prescribed for each year.

3. No probationer appointed to a college shall be removed therefrom, except by authority of the President of his Conference, with the consent of the Chairman of his District and the President of his College or Dean of Theology.

4. Probationers appointed to attend our Theological Colleges, shall pursue the course of study prescribed, except students in Medicine studying with a view to mission work and Undergraduates in Arts, who, in addition to the courses, shall take such theological studies as may be deemed advisable by the Faculty of the University or College to which they are appointed.

160. College District Meeting.

1. The examinations prescribed for probationers at Annual District Meetings shall be conducted annually at each College District Meeting, and a report of the results forwarded to each District Meeting, respecting the students belonging to that District. All probationers at college are expected to attend the College District Meeting.

2. The examination of probationers for our ministry at our Theological Colleges or Universities, in regard to their *studies*, shall be by Examiners appointed by the authorities of such Institutions; and in regard to their *moral character and qualification for the ministry*, by the College District Meeting, composed of the ministerial members

Faculty in each case, and the ministers of our Church residing in the place where the Institution is located, the chairman of the District presiding, or, in his absence, the dean of the Theological Faculty.

¶ 161. *Standing in the Course of Study.*

All probationers and candidates shall present to the District Meeting their certificates of standing in their course of study. The secretary shall announce and record how far the required course is completed for transmission of the information to the Annual Conference, and shall at the return of the certificates to the probationers and candidates.

2. The Secretary of the Board of Examiners for Theological Faculties, when reporting the result of examinations shall specify the particular author studied, and if not the same as in the regular course for probationers on Circuits, shall designate for which author in that course such work is designed to be an equivalent.

3. In the case of probationers, the Secretary of the Faculty shall send a certificate of standing of each student in college to the Secretary of the Examining Board of the Conference concerned.

4. A certificate of a student's having passed in any subject in one of our Colleges shall be taken in lieu of an examination in such subject.

5. Candidates and probationers for our French, Indian and Foreign Work shall pursue the respective courses of study prescribed.

6. Graduates in Divinity shall be exempted from the ordinary course of study. In the case of probationers who,

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by permission of the Conferences to which they belong, pursuing the B.D. course in any of our Theological Colleges, the annual examination in such course of study may be accepted instead of the annual examination in regular course for any year. But prior to being recommended to be received into full Connexion and ordained they shall be examined on Wesley's Sermons, the History of Methodism, Fletcher's Check V. (on Christian Perfection), Steele's Antinomianism, and the Discipline of Methodist Church. This examination shall also be required of all probationers passing through our Theological Colleges, who have not been examined on these subjects during their course of study.

162. *Attendance at District Meeting.*

1. Probationers attending college are not required to be present at the District Meeting to which they belong, except when eligible for recommendation for reception into full Connexion and ordination, but their names shall be called, and the reports from their College District Meeting shall be read, and their cases recommended to the Conference as the District Meeting shall determine.

2. Every probationer who has been recommended by the Annual District Meeting for reception into full Connexion shall attend the Conference of that year, except when laboring in distant Missions.

3. Probationers for the ministry appointed to attend College shall be responsible to such District Meeting as the Conference may determine, and shall be recommended by said District Meeting, from year to year, for continuance on trial, or for reception into full Connexion and ordination.

; nevertheless, any such probationer who has been removed from College, by the proper authorities, to a Circuit or Mission, shall be a member of the District to which such Circuit or Mission belongs, and by its District Meeting shall his relation be considered and presented to Conference.

63. Sundry Regulations.

A probationer who marries without the consent of Annual Conference shall be dropped in silence.

When a probationer's name is not inserted in the Minutes, he must receive a written license from the President or Chairman of the District on which he resides.

If a probationer desist from want of health, or be proved guilty of immorality, it shall be stated in the Minutes. In all other cases his name shall be dropped in silence.

Any minister who has received aid from the Educational Society, and retires from our ministry, shall refund an amount to the Society before receiving a certificate of standing.

When a probationer for the ministry on the List of Names has not been called out into the work in the course of the year, the Chairman of the District shall make inquiry of the Superintendent of the Circuit where he resides whether he be still deemed a proper person to be employed in our regular ministry, and the result shall be reported at the Annual District Meeting.

Observe: taking on trial is entirely different from admitting a probationer into full Connexion. One on trial may be either admitted or rejected without doing him any

wrong ; otherwise it would have been no trial at all. [A every Chairman explain this to those on trial.

SECTION III.

Candidates for the Ministry.

164. The Chairmen are required not only to examine very minutely, in the Annual District Meetings, all persons proposed as candidates for our ministry, but also to report distinctly in their District Minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings after such examinations respecting their health, piety, moral character, ministerial abilities, educational acquirements, belief of our doctrines, attachment to our Discipline, and freedom from debt, as well as from all secular encumbrances.

165. *Recommendation by Quarterly Official Board.*

1. Before a District Meeting shall recommend a candidate to the Conference, to be admitted on probation, the candidate must have been a member of our Church for one year, and a local preacher in good standing for six months, and approved and recommended by the Quarterly Official Board of the Circuit or Mission on which he resides. He must also have a certificate of having completed his Preliminary Course.

2. No student of less than two years' standing at any of our Connexional Institutions shall be received as a candidate for our ministry without the recommendation of the Quarterly Official Board of the Circuit upon which he res

sent before entering College, together with a certificate of good moral and religious standing from the President of College, or the Dean of the Faculty of Theology, with which he has been connected.

After passing the preliminary examination at College, students recommended by a Quarterly Official Board return to the District to which such Quarterly Official Board belongs for their further examination and recommendation to the Annual Conference.

66. District Meeting Examination.

Every candidate thus recommended shall attend the District Meeting, and be examined before all the brethren present respecting his religious experience, his knowledge of divine things, his educational acquirements, his reading, his views of the doctrines of the Gospel, and his regard for Methodism in general.

Every candidate proposed to the District Meeting is to be asked by the Chairman the following questions, each of which a distinct answer shall be required :

Have you been converted to God? Have you now faith in Christ? Are you going on to perfection? Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life? Are you earnestly striving after it? Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and His work? Have you been baptized? What are your views on Infant Baptism and the Lord's Supper? Do you know the Rules of the Society? Do you keep them? Do you take snuff, tobacco, or intoxicating drinks? And will you continue to abstain from the use of them? Have you read the whole Discipline? Are you willing to conform to it? Have you considered "the

twelve rules of a minister," especially the first, the tenth and the twelfth? Will you keep them for conscience's sake? Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God? Will you preach at every suitable opportunity, endeavoring not to speak too long nor too loud? Will you diligently instruct the children in every place? Will you visit from house to house? Will you recommend fasting, both by precept and example? Are you in debt? What is your age? Have you good health, and have you a sound constitution? Are you engaged to marry?

Do you sincerely and fully believe the doctrines of Methodism as contained in our twenty-five Articles of Religion, and as taught by Mr. Wesley in his Notes on the New Testament and Volumes of Sermons, especially the following leading ones: A Trinity of Persons in the Unity of the Godhead; the total depravity of all men by nature, in consequence of Adam's fall; the Atonement made by Christ for the sins of all the human race; the direct witness of the Spirit; the possibility of falling from a state of justification and holiness, and perishing everlastingly; the absolute necessity of holiness, both of heart and life, and the proper eternity of future rewards and punishments? Will you endeavor fully and faithfully to preach them? What is your religious experience? and what is your call to this work?

3. After the examination the candidate shall withdraw, and the meeting shall determine whether he shall be recommended to the ensuing Conference, to be received as a probationer for the ministry.

167. Duties of Chairmen.

1. No person shall be employed by a Chairman of a District, with a view to entering the ministry, who has not been a member of our Church one year, and a local preacher in good standing for six months, nor shall he have authority to employ any person with a view to his reception into the ministry, without the consent of the Annual Conference, or of the Special Committee thereof; and in no case shall any person be so employed who has been rejected by a Quarterly Official Board, District Meeting, or Annual Conference.

2. No Chairman of a District, or other Conference officer, shall have authority to employ a married man during the year, with a view to his being received as a candidate for the ministry, without the consent of the Annual Conference, or the Special Committee thereof. Nor shall any District Meeting recommend any married man to the Conference, for reception on probation for the ministry, unless he has been previously employed in case of absolute necessity, in accordance with the foregoing restriction.

3. If the Chairman deem it not convenient for a candidate to attend the District Meeting, he may, with two other ministers, examine him and report the result to the District Meeting.

Miscellaneous.

168. All young men taken into the work by Chairmen of Districts, in accordance with the above regulations, before the Second meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, shall be allowed the full year. When a young man has travelled

under a Chairman for two or more years, only one will be allowed on the term of his probation.

my copy **169.** It is to be distinctly understood that probationers are received for the ministry of the Methodist Church, not merely for that of a particular Conference, and therefore shall be under obligation to proceed, when so directed by the proper authorities, to any part of the Connection where their services are required.

SECTION IV.

The Annual District Meeting.

170. The Annual District Meeting shall consist of ministers and probationers for the ministry within bounds, and one lay delegate for each minister or probationer in the active work from each Circuit or Mission in the District, who shall have been elected by ballot by the Quarterly Official Board. Where a Circuit or Mission has no minister or probationer, but only a supply, the Quarterly Official Board may elect by ballot a lay delegate, who shall be a member of the Annual District Meeting.

171. The Chairman shall appoint the time and place for the first District Meeting, after which he shall appoint the time and the District Meeting shall appoint the place.

172. In the absence of the Chairman, the District Meeting shall elect from among its ministerial members by ballot, without debate, a Chairman *pro tem*.

173. In case of the death or disability of a Chairman

during the year, the Financial Secretary shall call a meeting of the ministerial members of the District and the lay members of the previous Annual District Meeting, who shall elect by ballot one of their number, being a member of the Conference, as Chairman until the opening of the ensuing Annual Conference.

Auditing of Schedules.

174. The District Meeting shall appoint one minister and one layman to audit all Circuit and District Schedules, and see that the extensions and additions are correct.

175. Financial Secretaries, District Secretaries and Treasurers of Connexional Funds in the Annual Conferences shall require that the amounts received by them agree with the Schedules, and that the Schedules agree one with the other.

Election of Laymen to Conference.

176. The lay members of the District Meeting shall meet separately sometime during the session and elect by ballot, without debate, lay representatives to the Annual Conference, in the proportion of one for each minister in full Connexion within the bounds of the District.

177. Laymen to be eligible for election must be at least twenty-five years of age, and must have been members of the Church in good standing for five consecutive years next preceding the election.

178. The Chairman and Secretary of the District shall forthwith send to the Secretary of the Conference a list,

certified by them, of such lay representatives, and such lists shall be compiled the roll of lay members Annual Conference.

179. No candidate for our ministry, and no person employed under a Chairman with a view to becoming a candidate, shall be eligible for election as a lay representative to either District Meeting or Annual Conference.

Business of the District Meeting.

180. After the Chairman has opened the meeting with the usual devotional exercises, a Journal Secretary shall be elected by ballot, who shall keep a record of the proceedings in a journal procured for that purpose. The Chairman shall also appoint a Statistical Secretary, who shall be to tabulate all statistics, and who shall *ex officio* a member of the Conference Statistical Committee. At the close of each meeting the minutes shall be signed by the Chairman and Journal Secretary. The Journal shall be kept by the Chairman and brought to the Conference, and be delivered by him to his successor.

181. *The following order shall be observed when the general business of the District Meeting is under consideration.*

1. What members are now present?
2. What is the record of the Ministerial Session of the District?
3. What minister and what layman are appointed to audit the schedules?
4. What are the receipts, and what is the expenditure of each Circuit or Mission?
5. What has been collected on each Circuit and for Connexional Funds?

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6. Have subscriptions as well as collections for the Educational and Missionary Funds been taken on every Circuit?

7. What special cases are now recommended to the favorable consideration of the Committees of the several Connexional Funds?

8. What is the number of ministers' children on the District having claims on the Children's Fund, and what are their respective names and ages? Have all the regulations respecting the Children's Fund been fully carried into effect in the District?

9. What probationers for our ministry are recommended to be sent to College?

Before any probationer for our ministry shall be sent to college with recommendation for a loan from the Educational Fund, his circumstances shall be inquired into by the District Meeting, and the minute of the District, in this case, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Educational Committee of the Annual Conference. No aid by loan or fees shall be made to any one who has not travelled at least one year.

10. What is the number of Church members? The number of churches and other preaching-places in each Circuit or Mission?

Where the name of a Circuit or Mission has been obliterated by change of boundary, it shall be reported in the District Schedule of the next year, and the number of members thereon at the time of the change be placed in the columns for "Removed by Change of Boundaries."

11. What is the number of ministers, probationers for

the ministry, and laymen, in the Quarterly Official Board of each Circuit or Mission? What is the number of Sabbath Schools on the District, and what are the reports from the Circuits and Missions respecting the same? Have the Sabbath School Schedules been duly filled up? What is the number of Epworth Leagues on the District? and what is the number of members connected therewith? Have the Epworth League Schedules been duly filled up?

12. What is the number of Baptisms administered and of Marriages solemnized by each minister? Have all the Marriages solemnized during the year been duly recorded and the returns made according to law?

13. What churches or parsonages have been built, enlarged or sold during the year? What Connexion property is insured? In what office? For how much? At what rates? What parsonages have been furnished? What other Connexional property has been acquired? What changes in relation to Church property are recommended? What property has been destroyed by fire? Have the approved Conference Schedules been duly filled up? Have the Circuit Registers been properly kept?

14. What can be done to improve the financial state of the District?

(a) Are all the financial arrangements of the Church duly observed in each Circuit and Mission? The quarterly contributions at the renewal of tickets? The public collections and private subscriptions?

(b) What changes are recommended in the order and arrangement of the work on the Circuits and Missions? What new Circuits or Missions are recommended? What

additional preachers are required for any Circuit or Mission on the District?

15. What are the Reports from the several Missions on the District?

16. What minister is elected to represent the District on the Stationing Committee?

17. What minister and what layman are elected to represent the District on the Sabbath School Committee of the Annual Conference?

18. What minister and what layman are elected to the Epworth League Committee?

19. What layman is elected to the Annual Conference Missionary Committee? and what layman is elected as an alternate?

20. What laymen are elected as members of the Annual Conference?

21. What widows and children of ministers have claims on the Superannuation or Supernumerary Fund?

22. Can any measures be adopted for the promotion of the work of God in the District?

23. Where shall the next District Meeting be held?

Duties of Chairmen.

182. The duties of a Chairman are—1. To take the oversight of the whole work on his District according to the Discipline, as far as his duty to the Circuit on which he resides will permit.

2. To take charge of all the ministers, probationers for the ministry, local preachers and exhorters in his District.

3. To change, receive and suspend ministers or probationers for the ministry in his District in the interval of the Conference, as the Discipline directs.

4. If any minister or probationer for the ministry absents himself from his Circuit without the leave of his Chairman, the Chairman shall, as far as possible, fill his place with another minister or probationer, who shall be paid for his labors out of the allowance of the absent minister or probationer, in proportion to the usual allowance.

5. To preside at the District Meetings.

6. To call for completed statistical returns at the Annual District Meeting.

7. To visit any Station or Circuit in his District whenever he may judge it expedient, and, so far as practicable, to visit the Missions on his District at the first Quarterly Board Meeting for the year, to induce greater liberality in support of the Missionaries, and, wherever possible, to bring the Mission to a self-sustaining position.

8. To see that every part of the Discipline is enforced, and within sixty days from the date of appeal, to hear and determine appeals from the decisions of Superintendents of Circuits or Missions within the District on questions of law, notice of such appeal to be given within two weeks after notice of the decision appealed against.

9. Where the Chairman is interested in the appeal either personally or because of having been concerned in any way in the trial appealed from, the appeal must be taken directly to the President of the Conference.

10. To give the President all necessary information as to the state of his District.

1. To prepare a condensed report of the operations of Missionary Society in his District, to be compiled from reports of individual Missionaries, as approved by the Annual District Meeting.
2. To ascertain and report to the Annual Conference, publication in the Minutes, the names and addresses of ministers and widows who are claimants on the Superintendence Fund, and also the names and dates of birth of children of deceased ministers who are claimants on the Fund, together with any changes that have taken place in relation to these claimants by death, limitation of claim, marriage, non-membership or other causes during the year, in their respective Districts.
3. The Chairman is especially directed and required to visit any Circuit or Mission in his District when requested by the Superintendent of such Circuit or Mission in case of any dispute or difficulty which the Superintendent may require assistance to adjust; also, in all cases of appeal. In these cases the Circuit or Mission visited shall pay the travelling expenses of the Chairman. The Chairman shall have authority to call in any minister or probationer of his District to supply his place when absent in visiting any Circuit or Mission.
83. Should the Chairman, or the Superintendent of a Circuit, or any of his colleagues, be requested to withdraw, on any occasion, from any of our regularly-constituted meetings for business, he shall in no case do so; and should he be obliged to withdraw from any such meeting during its sittings, the meeting will be thereby dissolved. If any Chairman or Superintendent of a Circuit, or

other minister do willingly submit to any requisition, so as to withdraw from any such meeting before its conclusion, he shall, on proof thereof, receive due censure at the ensuing Annual Conference.

SECTION V.

The Financial District Meeting.

184. A Financial District Meeting shall be held in each District, not later than the month of September in each year; the day and place to be determined by the Chairman.

185. The Financial District Meeting shall be composed of the Superintendent and one lay delegate from each Circuit and Mission in the District appointed by the Quarterly Official Board. Where a Quarterly Official Board fails to elect a representative to the Financial District Meeting, the Recording Steward of the Circuit shall be such representative. The lay delegates must be members of the Church. A probationer in charge of a Circuit or Mission on which there is no resident Superintendent shall be a member of the Financial District Meeting.

186. *The business of the Financial District Meeting shall be.*

1. To apportion to the several Circuits the amounts placed at its disposal by the Annual Conference.

2. To examine into the circumstances and probable income of the Domestic, Indian, Foreign or other Missions within the jurisdiction of the District in the same way as

they examine into those of the dependent Circuits, and recommend the amount which, in their judgment, should be appropriated towards the support of such Missions; which shall be immediately reported by the Chairman to the President of the Annual Conference and to the Missionary Secretary.

3. To arrange the claims of the children of ministers on the District, and to receive from the Chairman of the District the amount to be raised by each Circuit and Mission for the Superannuation or Supernumerary Fund, and take into account the circumstances of any Circuit or Mission which may be regarded as exceptional, and make provision for the relief of such exception; provided the District as a whole contribute the amount designated as its proportion.

4. To make arrangements for Missionary and Educational Meetings, which arrangements shall be binding on all concerned, and inquire into the state of religion in the District, and devise means for the promotion of the spiritual interests of the Church.

Miscellaneous.

187. In case of the death of the District Representative to the Annual Conference Missionary Committee, or when, by the formation of a new District or otherwise, there is no District Representative, then the laymen present at the Financial District Meeting shall elect, by ballot, one of their number to fill the office of District Representative.

188. The Financial Secretary shall be the Treasurer of

all Connexional Funds on the District, except the sionary Fund, and shall pay to the Superintendent Circuits, or on their order, the sums appropriated to Circuits, which payments such Superintendents shall re to their respective Quarterly Official Boards.

189. The Financial Secretary shall, forthwith after Financial District Meeting, furnish the Treasurers of Superannuation or Supernumerary Fund with a com statement of the amounts required from each Circuit adopted by the Financial District Meeting.

CHAPTER III.

CIRCUIT OFFICIAL MEETINGS.

SECTION I.

The Quarterly Official Board.

190. There shall be a Quarterly Official Board on Circuit, Mission or Station, as constituted and design at the Annual Conference, consisting of the Mini and Probationers for the ministry, the Local Preacher Exhorters, the Circuit Stewards, the Leader and Assistant Leader of each class, the Leader of each chumen class, approved by the members of the Qua Official Board, the Superintendents of Sabbath School the Presidents of Epworth Leagues, being members o Church and approved by the Quarterly Official B one representative from each Board of Trustees, he

a member of the Church in the Circuit to which the Trustee Board which he represents belongs, and whose appointment shall be annual; and, also, of additional representatives who may have been appointed by the Societies of the Circuit. The number of such additional representatives shall not exceed the number of the Stewards on the Circuit. Only members over twenty-one years of age shall have the right to vote on questions involving financial liability.

191. The Superintendent of the Circuit is the Chairman of the Quarterly Official Board. When the Chairman of the District is present he shall have the right to preside.

192. The Superintendent is the minister on each Circuit and Mission, who is appointed from time to time to take charge of the Societies therein.

193. *The regular business of the Quarterly Official Board shall be :*

1. To receive the financial returns from the Leaders, Stewards and other persons entrusted with the funds of the Circuit; to pay the salaries and all the expenses of the ministers and probationers for the ministry; to receive from the Leaders' Meeting the report of the disbursement of the fund for the poor for the quarter; and to receive the reports of the state of the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues on the Circuit.

2. To receive and try appeals.

3. At the *First* meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, to receive the recommendations of the Stewards' Meeting, and make the estimate of the amounts necessary for the family or families of the ministers or probationers for the

ministry; and appoint the lay delegate to attend the Financial District Meeting.

4. At the *Second* meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, to appoint, on the nomination of the Superintendent, the Stewards of the Circuit, of whom there shall be not less than *three* nor more than *seven*, one of whom shall be the Recording Steward, who shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Quarterly Official Board in a book procured for that purpose. The Superintendent shall nominate at least three more than the number of Stewards to be elected; after the nominations are all made the election shall be by ballot. The Superintendent shall nominate two or more of the Stewards for Recording Steward, and the Board shall elect by ballot. It shall also, on the nomination of the Superintendent of the Circuit, appoint the representatives to the Sabbath School Committee, the number to be not less than *three* nor more than *five*.

5. At the *First, Second, or Third* meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, to recommend candidates for the ministry; *provided always*, that no person shall be recommended as a candidate until he has been a local preacher at least six months.

6. Young men attending College, who may wish to become local preachers, may be received by the Quarterly Official Boards of their Circuits as candidates, after due examination, provided they present certificates of moral and religious character from the Dean of the Faculty.

7. At the *Third* meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, to receive the audited statement of Trustees, referred to in Sections 11 and 23 of the Model Deed.

3. At the *Fourth* meeting of the Quarterly Official Board: (1) To receive from the Superintendent of the Circuit the report of the number of members on the Circuit.

Also, the reports of the Sabbath Schools and of the Worth Leagues. (3) To elect by ballot, without debate, lay delegates to attend the Annual District Meeting, the proportion of one delegate for each minister or probationer in the active work on the Circuit. If there be no minister or probationer on the Circuit or Mission, but only a supply, to elect one lay delegate as above. (4) Where there is no Local Preachers' Meeting, to inquire of the character, gifts, labors, punctuality and usefulness of every local preacher by name; and, if there be no valid objection alleged and sustained, to renew their licenses.

To examine the character of the exhorters; and, if there be no valid objection alleged and sustained, to renew their licenses. (6) Where there is no Leaders' Meeting, to examine the character of all the Leaders, their punctuality in beginning and ending their Class Meeting in proper season, and whatever relates to their office. (7) To determine the number of Stewards for the ensuing year. (8) To change the apportionment, scale, date, and mode of nomination and election of the representatives of the Societies on the Circuit, who must be members of the Church. (9) The Quarterly Official Board may, where there is no Local Preachers' Meeting, at any of the regular meetings, give license to local preachers and exhorters, on the nomination of the Superintendent of the Circuit.

9. Special meetings of the Quarterly Official Board may be convened by the Superintendent. On the request of

five members of the Board he shall convene such meeting. Only the business named in the notice to the meeting of the Board shall be transacted at any such meeting.

10. The Quarterly Official Board may make arrangements or agreements with the Board of Trustees not inconsistent with the Discipline of the Church, or with the trusts which the trust property is held, for the administrative disposal of any of the Church funds which are under control of said Boards, or either of them.

Duties of Superintendents.

194. The duties of a Superintendent are: 1. To have the oversight of all the ministers and probationers for ministry in his Circuit or Mission.

2. To give to each member of the Church a yearly certificate of membership, except where the Quarterly Board resolution, expresses its desire for the quarterly tickets, in which case it shall be at liberty to arrange for the same.

3. To see that all public collections in aid of the Circuit, or of the Connexional Funds, are regularly made in each congregation of the Circuit.

4. To hold meetings of the Quarterly Official Board, to preside in all Official Meetings of the Circuit, and to receive all nominations to office not otherwise provided for, to receive, try and expel members, according to Discipline, and to give due notice to the Chairman of the District of all cases of appeal. To execute all our rules fully and strenuously against all frauds, and particularly ag

dishonest insolvencies, suffering none to remain in the Church, on any account, who are found guilty of any aud. To explain and enforce vigorously, but calmly, the General Rules of the Church, in harmony with Paragraph of the Discipline.

5. To meet the Stewards and Leaders regularly, and examine the accounts of all the Stewards. To appoint all the Leaders and Assistant Leaders, and change them when he sees it necessary, but not contrary to the wish of the class, or without consulting the Leaders' Meeting. To make strict inquiry in the Leaders' Meeting, before the *Fourth* meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, and where there is no such meeting, then in the *Fourth* meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, into the moral character of the Leaders. To license such persons as he may think proper to officiate as exhorters, provided no person shall be licensed without consulting the Local Preachers' Meeting,

Quarterly Official Board of the Circuit in which the person proposed resides. To make a plan of appointments for the ministers, the probationers for the ministry, local preachers and exhorters on the Circuit, with the counsel of the Local Preachers' Meeting, or of the Quarterly Official Board, where there is no Local Preachers' Meeting. To invite and earnestly urge the attendance and assistance of the lay representatives at the District Meetings, according to rule.

6. To hold Watch-night services and Love-feasts; but no Love-feast shall last longer than an hour and half. To appoint Prayer Meetings wherever he can in his Circuit, and to see that a Fast be observed in each Society on the

Friday preceding every meeting of the Quarterly Board. To see that the General Rules be read once a year in every congregation, and occasionally in each Society, by himself or his colleague; and that the Pastoral Address of the Annual Conference be read to all the Societies on the Circuit. To take care that every Society be duly supplied with books; and to urge upon all who are admitted into our Church to read attentively our General Rules, the Catechism and other Methodist works.

7. To take an exact account of the number of members in Society, and report the same to the *Fourth* meeting of the Quarterly Official Board and to the Annual District Meeting, with the number of members who have been received on trial, or by certificate of membership, and those who have removed, died or ceased to be members, have been separated from, or added to, the Circuit by alteration of its boundaries; also to report the Sabbath Schools and the Epworth Leagues of his Circuit; also to report the number of vacancies, if any, in the Trained Boards; and if a Superintendent of a Mission, to prepare a report of the religious state of his Mission, and read it at the Annual District Meeting, subject to the revision of that meeting. To leave for his successor a Circuit book containing an exact list of all the official members, and also of the names of all the members in his Circuit, arranged in their Classes, as found at the *Fourth* meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, and also a list of adherents. To keep a register of baptisms, marriages and burials in a book provided for the purpose by the Official Board, and register to be the property of the Circuit and to remain

ing its records. In any Province where a circuit register is kept under provincial law, it shall be accepted in compliance with this requirement.

8. To remind members, from time to time, that none are to remove from one Circuit to another without a certificate of membership from the Superintendent of the Circuit, and to warn them that without such certificate they will not be received into the Church in other places; and also to forward a duplicate copy of such certificate by mail to the Superintendent of the Circuit to which they may be removing. In all cases persons applying for membership certificate shall be held responsible to the Society with which they unite from the date of the certificate, but no certificate shall be esteemed valid that is not presented within one year from the date of it.

9. To make application in the Classes and to our friends on behalf of the Superannuation Fund, during the months of November and December, and to make a public collection for the same object in the month of November or December, paying the moneys thus received to the Financial Secretary, in time for transmission to the Treasurers of the Superannuation Fund on or before the first day of January.

10. To see that collections are taken up for our Congregational Funds at the following times, viz.:

Contingent Fund, in the month of September; *Union Church Relief Fund*, in October; *General Conference Fund*, at such time as the Annual Conference may direct; *Educational Fund* and *Missionary Society*, as arranged by the Financial District Meeting. The first Sunday in October

is to be observed as Missionary Day; and, if practicable, the last Sunday in December as Children's Mission Day.

11. To carry out the arrangements made by the Annual District Meeting in regard to the Missionary and Educational work on his Circuit. To see that the collections at all the services on the days appointed for the several Connexional Funds are devoted to those funds. To pay promptly to the appointed Treasurers the moneys collected for the several Funds at the times appointed by Conference.

12. To encourage in all proper cases Field Meetings, Open-air Meetings on his charge, and also Camp Meetings as a Circuit or union of Circuits may, in their Quarterly Official Boards, determine; and to enforce the observance of the Sabbath at such meetings.

13. The authority of a Superintendent who is refused to administer discipline upon a Circuit, shall cease at the final reading of the Stations to the Conference.

SECTION II.

The Local Preachers' Meeting.

195. A Local Preachers' Meeting is composed of local preachers and exhorters on the Circuit, provided there are six local preachers on the Circuit of three continuous standing.

196. The Superintendent of the Circuit shall meet the local preachers and exhorters once a quarter.

erson shall be put upon the plan as a local preacher or
rter, or be permitted to preach among us as such,
out the approbation of that meeting on the nomination
e Superintendent; or, if in any Circuit such a Local
chers' Meeting cannot be held, they shall be proposed
appointed by the Quarterly Official Board of the
uit; but no minister or probationer for the ministry
has been suspended or expelled by the Conference
l, on any account, be employed as a local preacher
out the consent of the Annual Conference.

97. The Superintendent of the Circuit, at each regular
al Preachers' Meeting, or at the Fourth meeting of the
rterly Official Board of the Circuit, shall inquire into
religious and moral character, doctrines, abilities to
ch, and punctuality in attending appointments, of each
l preacher and exhorter by name.

98. *Renewal of License.*

he questions proposed in the examination of the char-
r of local preachers and exhorters shall be the same as
e proposed in regard to ministers, viz :

Is there any objection to his moral and religious
acter?

Does he believe and teach all our doctrines?

Has he duly observed our Discipline?

Is he punctual in attending all his appointments?

Has he competent abilities for a local preacher or
orter?

Will you renew his license as local preacher or
orter?

199. Local Preacher's Examination.

Every person proposed to be received as a local preacher, or taken on trial, shall be asked by the Chairman or Superintendent the following questions, to which a distinct answer shall be required :

What is your religious experience? Have you faith in Christ? Are you going on to perfection? Do you expect to be perfected in love in this life? Are you earnestly striving after it? Are you resolved to devote yourself to God and His work? Do you sincerely and fully believe the doctrines of Methodism, as contained in the Articles of Religion, and as taught by Mr. Wesley in his Notes on the New Testament and Volumes of Sermons, especially the following leading ones: A Trinity of Persons in the Unity of the Godhead; the total depravity of all men by nature in consequence of Adam's fall; the Atonement made by Christ for the sins of all the human race; Justification by Faith; the direct Witness of the Spirit; the possibility of falling from a state of justification and holiness, and perishing everlastingly; the absolute necessity of holiness both in heart and life; and the proper eternity of reward and punishments? What is Evangelical Repentance? What is Justification? What is Justifying Faith? What is the direct Witness of the Spirit? What is the indirect Witness of the Spirit? What is Christian Perfection? What is the difference between Justification and Regeneration? What is the difference between Sanctification and Entire Sanctification?

Will you endeavor fully and faithfully to preach these doctrines?

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200. *Regulations in reference to Local Preachers :*

1. All local preachers shall meet in Class. No exception shall be made in respect of any who may have been ministers or probationers for the ministry in former years.

2. The name of every local preacher shall be recorded in the Journal of the Quarterly Official Board of the circuit in which he resides.

3. No local preacher shall hold Love-feasts without the consent of the Superintendent of the Circuit, nor in any way interfere with his ministerial duties.

4. Ministers who withdraw from connection with an Annual Conference, and ministers who are located by the action of an Annual Conference may, should they desire be considered as Local Preachers, and shall be subject to all the regulations affecting local preachers; and, if charged with immorality, shall be proceeded against as other local preachers, and the Superintendent of the Circuit or Mission shall report the case to the Annual District Meeting.

5. When an ordained local preacher is expelled, the President of the Annual Conference shall require of him his credentials of his ordination to be filed with the papers of the Annual Conference within the limits of which the expulsion has taken place. And should he at any future time produce to the Annual Conference a certificate of his restoration, signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Secretary of the District Meeting, his credentials shall be restored to him.

6. When a local preacher or exhorter removes from one circuit to another, he shall obtain from the Superintendent

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of the Circuit a certificate of his official standing in the Church at the time of his removal, without which he shall not be received as a local preacher or exhorter in other places.

7. No local preacher or exhorter coming to reside on any of our Circuits from another part of the world, although duly recommended, shall be allowed to preach or hold meetings in our churches unless he become a member of the Church and submit to its discipline.

8. Should any local preacher or exhorter belonging to any other Methodist Church make application to be received into our Church, the Superintendent of the Circuit in concurrence with the Quarterly Official Board, or the Local Preachers' Meeting of the Circuit on which such local preacher or exhorter may reside, is authorized to receive him, after having inquired into his qualifications and all the circumstances of his case.

9. Any local preacher may be admitted to examination on the Theological subjects of the Conference, Preliminary Examination, and to the examination on all the subjects of the Ordinary Course of Study for probationers for the ministry for the three years on circuit, Greek being optional. On the completion of the course, a certificate to that effect shall be granted, and should such local preacher become a probationer for the ministry, such examination shall be credited to him on the course for probationers on circuit.

10. All preachers who received ordination in any of the uniting bodies, and were in good standing at the time of the Union of 1883, shall retain all rights and privileges conferred by such ordination.

SECTION III.

The Leaders' Meeting.

201. The Leaders' Meeting shall be composed of the Ministers and Probationers for the ministry appointed to the Circuit, the Stewards of the Circuit and the Leaders.

202. A Leaders' Meeting shall be held at least once a quarter, and oftener, if necessary, to inquire: (1) Are there any sick? (2) Are there any requiring temporal relief? (3) Are there any that walk disorderly and will not be reprov'd? (4) Are there any who wilfully neglect the means of grace? (5) Are there any changes to be made in the Classes? (6) Are there any members on trial to be received into full membership? (7) Is there any miscellaneous business?

203. A return shall be made by the Leaders' Meeting to the Quarterly Official Board of the amount contributed to the fund for the poor, and the disbursements for the quarter.

204. It is the duty of the Superintendent of the Circuit to make strict inquiry in the Leaders' Meeting preceding the Fourth meeting of the Quarterly Official Board as to the moral character of all the Leaders, their punctuality in beginning and ending their Class Meetings in proper time, and whatever relates to their office; and if there be no objections alleged and sustained, they shall continue in office for the year.

SECTION IV.

The Stewards' Meeting.

205. The Stewards' Meeting shall be composed Superintendent of the Circuit or his colleague, and Stewards of the Circuit.

206. Let the Stewards be men of solid piety, who know and love the Methodist Doctrine and Discipline of good natural and acquired abilities to transact temporal business.

207. The duties of Stewards are: 1. To estimate amount necessary to meet the expenses of the year report to the First meeting of the Quarterly Official Board. 2. To meet at least once a quarter, previous to the meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, to take an exact account of what has been collected for the support of the ministers or probationers for the ministry on the Circuit, and recommend to the Quarterly Official Board such measures as they may think necessary in order to the prompt payment of the ministers. 3. To make an accurate record of every expenditure of money, whether to the ministers, probationers, the sick or the poor, and to publish yearly audited financial statement, under direction of the Quarterly Official Board. 4. To seek the needy and distressed in order to relieve and comfort them. 5. To inform minister of any sick or disabled persons. 6. To attend meetings of the Quarterly Official Board of their Circuit. 7. To give advice, if asked, in planning the Circuit. To provide the elements for the Lord's Supper.

the circular letters to the Societies in the Circuit to be liberal, if need be, and to let them know, when occasion requires, the state of the temporal concerns at the meeting of the Quarterly Official Board. 10. To fill the Circuit Schedules correctly ; and to be subject to President, the Chairman of the District and the ministers on their Circuits. 11. To audit the books and accounts of Trustees, in accordance with Section 11 of the Model Deed.

¶ 108. The Stewards shall be accountable for the faithful performance of their duties to the Quarterly Official Board of the Circuit.

¶ 109. In case of the death or disability of a Steward, the ensuing meeting of the Quarterly Official Board may fill up the vacancy.

¶ 110. The duties of the Recording Steward are : 1. To keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Quarterly Official Board. 2. To fill up correctly the Circuit Schedules and the Schedules of the Sabbath Schools of the Circuit, and present them to the Annual District Meeting. 3. To act as Treasurer of the Quarterly Official Board, unless the Board elects some other person to that office.

¶ 111. When a Recording Steward of a Circuit or Mission becomes incapacitated for the duties of his office, the Superintendent of the Circuit shall have authority to appoint another of the Stewards to that office, until the next meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, when his place shall be supplied according to Discipline.



Part III.

ADMINISTRATION OF DISCIPLINE.



ADMINISTRATION OF DISCIPLINE.

CHAPTER I.

TRIALS AND APPEALS.

SECTION I.

General Principles.

212. All our Church Courts shall be presided over by duly qualified minister of the Methodist Church.

213. If the Superintendent of a Circuit be the accuser, a material witness, or be otherwise disqualified, the chairman of the District shall preside in his place. If the chairman of the District be disqualified, the President of a Annual Conference shall preside. If the President of a Conference be disqualified, the senior qualified Chairman in the Conference (that is, senior in the ministry of a Church) shall preside. A Chairman or a President, not disqualified; may appoint a duly qualified substitute, who shall be officially of at least equal *status* with the officer whose duty it would have been in the first place to preside.

214. If any minister, probationer or member of the Church has a knowledge or reliable information of an offence by a minister, probationer or member against the law of God or the rules or discipline of the Church, it

shall be his duty to lay a charge before the proper authority. No other person can institute charges. All charges must be in writing.

215. If the offence be such as does not seem to require a trial in the first instance, let the officer whose duty it would be to preside at the trial admonish or reprove the accused, and if there be contrition and promise of amendment, let him be borne with; if there be no contrition or promise of amendment, or if the offence be repeated at a subsequent trial he shall be tried.

216. A copy of the charges and distinct specifications shall be given to the accused at least one week before the day fixed for the trial by the officer who is to preside. When these are sent by mail, they must be posted at least ten days before the day fixed for trial.

217. Notices may be given personally, or left with a grown-up person at the residence of a party, or by a registered letter.

218. A Committee of Trial shall consist of five qualified persons. Three shall form a quorum, and three at least must agree to render a decision. The officer who presides at the trial shall summon the persons who compose the Committee. Persons preferring or procuring charges, or being material witnesses, shall not be qualified to act as members of the Committee.

219. No peremptory challenges of members of the Committee shall be allowed, but either party may challenge the cause. The presiding officer shall decide upon all challenges.

220. The parties may appear and conduct a trial or an appeal, either personally or by a representative who is a member of the Church in good standing; but such representative shall not be a professional counsel.

221. If an accused person do not appear after proof of due notice, the trial may proceed and the decision be rendered in his absence.

222. The presiding officer shall cause a record to be kept of the charges, proceedings, evidence and decision.

223. The Committee shall receive any evidence or information pertinent to the case that may be available, and that may aid them in their judgment in doing justice between the parties. The testimony of non-members may be received.

224. The presiding officer shall decide as to the admissibility of evidence, and as to law and procedure.

225. Charges may be amended or added to in writing at any time if the Committee consider the same to be in the interest of justice, provided the accused be allowed such opportunity as the Committee think reasonable to meet such amended or new charges.

226. The Committee may, from time to time, make any adjournments they may deem necessary for the better hearing and trial of matters before them.

227. In all cases of trial the presiding officer shall refrain from delivering any charge to the Committee or from interfering in any way with their deliberations, and he shall not be present with them while they are deliberating on their decision.

228. If the Committee do not agree upon a decision

within a reasonable time, the presiding officer may summon another Committee and proceed as if no trial had taken place.

229. A copy of the decision certified by the presiding officer shall be served within three days after the rendering of the decision upon each party in the manner hereinabove provided for notices.

230. If the accused be found guilty, and the offence be such as is expressly forbidden by the Word of God, and sufficient to exclude a person from the kingdom of grace and glory, he shall be expelled. In the case of a minister (other than a General Superintendent) or of a probationer for the ministry, he shall be suspended from the time he is found guilty by the Committee until the Annual Conference shall finally dispose of the case. In the case of a member, he shall be suspended until the delay allowed for appeal has expired. If an appeal be taken, the suspension shall be in force until the appeal is decided. If there be no appeal, the expulsion shall take effect when the delay for appeal has expired.

231. In case of all other offences the accused, if found guilty, shall be admonished, reprov'd, suspended, or otherwise dealt with as the Committee or Appellate Court may determine. In these cases the decision shall be in force from the time it is rendered until set aside on appeal.

Appeals.

232. Either party may appeal from a decision or ruling by the presiding officer, or from the decision of a Committee, on giving notice to the presiding officer of such

intention, together with his grounds of appeal, within two weeks after the service of a copy of the decision in the manner herein above provided as to notices, and in all such cases not more than thirty days shall elapse between the giving of notice and the presentation of such appeal to the proper officer who is to deal with the same.

233. The officer who has presided at a trial shall not preside or vote on the appeal, nor shall any member of the Committee.

234. If the complainant do not proceed either before the Committee or on appeal, any other qualified person may be admitted to do so.

235. In appeal, the evidence taken before the lower Court or Committee alone shall be received. If further important evidence is available, a new trial may be ordered, or the case referred back to the Committee.

236. The Appellate Court may confirm, reverse, alter or amend the decisions appealed from, or may order a new trial or a reference back to the Committee.

237. The judgment of the Appellate Court takes effect without any action of the Court from which the appeal was taken.

238. No other authority than the proper Church Appellate Court or Courts shall in any way review or interfere with the action of the lower Court or Committee.

239. When a charge is preferred, the officer before whom it is laid may refuse to entertain it, if, in his judgment, the charge is frivolous; the complainant may then appeal as in cases of appeal from decisions of presiding officers.

240. Any decision shall have effect throughout whole Church. Any minister or probationer who is suspended shall not be permitted to exercise any ministerial functions during the term of his suspension.

SECTION II.

TRIAL OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS FOR THE MINISTERS

General Superintendent.

241. A General Superintendent is amenable for his conduct to the General Conference, which has power to censure, reprove, suspend or expel him for improper conduct. Any action may be deemed necessary.

242. 1. If a charge be laid against a General Superintendent, the President of the Annual Conference to which he belongs, or within which the offence is alleged to have been committed, shall preside at the trial.

2. The Committee shall be composed of qualified Clergymen of Districts, but, if a sufficient number are not available, Superintendents of Circuits shall be selected to complete the Committee. If the accused is found guilty he may be suspended or dealt with as the circumstances may require.

3. Either party may appeal to the General Conference or a Special Committee. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Committee of Trial shall be in force until the next General Conference. If there be an appeal, the decision of the General Conference Special Committee shall be in force until the next General Conference.

President of Conference.

243. 1. If a charge be laid against the President of an Annual Conference, the senior qualified Chairman of a District within his Conference, or the President of the Annual Conference within which the offence is alleged to have been committed, shall preside at the trial.

2. The Committee shall be composed of Chairmen of Districts; and in the event of a sufficient number of them not being qualified and available, shall be completed with Superintendents of Circuits.

Chairman of a District.

244. If a charge be laid against a Chairman of a District, the President of the Annual Conference to which he belongs, or within which the offence is alleged to have been committed, shall preside. The Committee shall be composed as in the case of a President of an Annual Conference.

Other Ministers or Probationers.

245. 1. If a charge be laid against any other minister or a probationer for the ministry, the Chairman of the District to which he belongs, or within which the offence is alleged to have been committed, shall preside. The Committee shall be composed of ministers.

2. In any case in which an offence is charged to have been committed in an Annual Conference other than that to which the accused belongs, and jurisdiction to try the charge is claimed in more than one Conference, the

General Superintendent shall, upon application by party, after such notice to the other party as the General Superintendent may deem sufficient, determine in Conference the trial shall be held.

3. In any case in which an offence is charged to have been committed in a District other than that to which the accused belongs, but within his Annual Conference and jurisdiction to try the charge is claimed in more than one District, the President of the Annual Conference upon application by either party, after such notice to the other party as the President may deem sufficient, determine in which District the trial shall be held.

246. In the case of the trial of a minister (other than a General Superintendent), or of a probationer, the evidence and papers shall be laid before the ensuing Annual District Meeting to which he belongs for its information, and subsequently forwarded to the next Annual Conference. If the decision be rendered between the time of the Annual District Meeting and the next Annual Conference the documents shall be forwarded directly to the next Annual Conference.

Appeals.

247. Either the accuser or the accused may appeal from the decision of the Committee to the next ensuing Annual Conference to which the latter belongs; that is to say, the ministerial members thereof in special session. The decision of the latter shall be final, subject only to appeal to the Court of Appeal.

Arbitration, Inquiry, etc.

248. In case of a dispute or difficulty between ministers and probationers, or between ministers or probationers and members, relative to secular business, the payment of debts, matters not otherwise provided for, the officer whose duty it would be to preside at the trial if a charge were laid shall inquire into the circumstances of the case, and may recommend an arbitration, over which he shall preside, that a charge be laid, or that it be settled by process at law. If an arbitration be recommended, each party shall choose an arbitrator (who must be a minister or a member of our Church), and these two shall choose a third. Two shall make an award. An appeal shall lie to the Annual District Meeting from a decision refusing to recommend arbitration, or from an award. If either party refuse to arbitrate when recommended, or to be bound by the award, or the decision in appeal, let a charge be laid and a trial had.

249. If a minister or probationer shall have contracted debts which he is not able to pay, let the Chairman of the District appoint a Committee of Inquiry, composed of three ministers; and if, in their opinion, he has acted dishonestly, or contracted debts without a probability of paying them, let their report be considered as a charge, and let a trial be had thereon.

250. If a minister or probationer engages in any secular business or work that may detract from his ministerial character or usefulness, or interfere with the proper discharge of the duties assigned him by the Church, let him

be admonished by his senior in office, and if he per a charge be laid and a trial had. Selling our own not subject to this provision. Ministers and prob are strongly recommended not to become member secular boards of any trading company or any co body organized for the purpose of trade, or for the ing of other than Church funds.

251. When a minister or probationer holds and c nates, publicly or privately, doctrines which are c to our Articles of Religion and doctrinal standar charge be laid and a trial had.

SECTION III.

Trial of Members.

252. If a charge be laid against a local prea exhorter, the Superintendent of the Circuit shall at the trial. The Committee shall be composed preachers or other official members within the Dist

253. If a charge be laid against any other me the Church, the Superintendent of the Circuit sh side. The Committee shall be composed of member the District. It is recommended that, except for reasons, members of the Quarterly Official Board Circuit be not on the Committee.

Appeal in the Case of Members.

254. In the case of the trial of a local preacher, exhorter, or any other member, an appeal shall lie either to the Quarterly Official Board or to the Annual District Meeting when the laymen are present. If the appeal be to the Quarterly Official Board, and the decision be there confirmed, there shall be no further appeal. If the decision of the Committee be there reversed, the respondent may appeal to the Annual District Meeting, and its decision shall be final.

255. In a case of a dispute or difficulty between members relative to secular business, the payment of debts, or matters not otherwise provided for, the officer whose duty it would be to preside at a trial if a charge were laid, shall inquire into the circumstances, and may recommend an arbitration, or that a charge be laid, or that the matter be decided by a process at law, as the circumstances may require. If he recommend an arbitration, the proceedings shall be as herein-above provided.

256. When a member fails in business, or contracts debts which he is unable to pay, or is charged with non-payment of debts, the officer whose duty it would be to preside, if a charge were laid, shall appoint a Committee of Inquiry, composed of three members, and if they report that he has acted dishonestly or has contracted debts without the probability of paying them, let their report be considered as a charge, and let a trial be had thereon.

257. No person shall, after trial and expulsion as aforesaid, have any privileges of society or of sacrament in the

¶ 258 FORMS OF PROCEDURE IN TRIALS.

Church without contrition, confession and proper re
on trial.

FORMS OF PROCEDURE IN TRIALS.

258. The Forms in Appendix VII. may be us
their use shall not be obligatory, and no proceedin
be declared null or set aside on a merely formal ob

Part IV.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY.

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CHAPTER I.

SUPPORT OF MINISTERS.

259. It shall be the duty of the Stewards to estimate amount necessary to meet the salary and expenses of minister or probationer stationed on any Circuit or session; subject, however, to the approval of the First Meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, according to the following rules:—

1. The appropriation for salary of a married minister shall not be less than \$600 per annum, exclusive of the necessary expenses for horse keep, rent or free use of sonage and incidentals.

2. The appropriation for the salary of an ordained single minister shall not be less than \$350 per annum, exclusive of the necessary expenses for horse keep and incidentals.

3. The appropriation for the salary of a probationer in the ministry shall not be less than \$300 per annum, exclusive of the necessary expenses for horse keep and incidentals.

4. The allowances to the children of ministers will depend on the practice of the respective Annual Conferences, under the Constitution of the Children's Fund.

CHAPTER II.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

SECTION I.

Churches and Church Property.

260. Let all our churches be built plain and decent, and not more expensive than is absolutely necessary.

In order more effectively to prevent our people from contracting debts which they are not able to pay, the erection of a new church or the rebuilding or enlargement of an existing one shall not be proceeded with until after the Chairman of the District and the Quarterly Official Board of the Circuit shall have given their approval.

261. It shall be the duty of the Quarterly Official Board of every Circuit where it is contemplated to build a church or parsonage, to secure the ground or lot on which such church or parsonage is to be built, according to our Deed of Settlement, which deed must be legally executed; and also, said Quarterly Official Board shall appoint a judicious committee of at least three members of our Church, who shall form an estimate of the amount necessary to build; and three-fourths of the money, according to such estimate, shall be secured or subscribed before any such building shall be commenced.

262. All Church property shall be legally secured, and the deed registered within one year after its execution.

In future, we will admit no charter, deed or conveyance for any church to be used by us, unless it be such charter, deed or conveyance, that the trustees of such church shall, at all times, permit such ministers belonging to the Methodist Church, as shall from time to time be duly authorized by the Conference or Synod of our Church, to preach and expound the Holy Word, and to execute the Discipline of the Church, and to administer the sacraments therein, according to the true meaning and purport of our "Book of Discipline" and Model Deed.

When it is proposed to erect a new church within the bounds of any Circuit or Mission, the Superintendent of such Circuit or Mission shall notify the Chairman of the Conference, indicating the proposed site, and the Chairman shall notify the Superintendent of any Circuit or Mission thereby; and if objection be made, and the parties disagree, then the difficulty shall be settled by arbitra-

SECTION II.

Parsonages.

It is recommended by the General Conference that parsonages be provided and furnished on all of our Circuits and Missions, wherever practicable, for the use of our ministers and their families, and that such parsonages be provided according to our Deed of Settlement; or, where impracticable, that suitable houses be rented.

266. It shall be the duty of the Superintendents and ministers to use their influence to carry the above respecting building and renting houses for the ministers and their families into effect. In order to this, the Quarterly Official Board shall appoint a Committee (if other measures have been adopted), who, with the aid and aid of the Superintendent and ministers, shall by such means as may seem fit to raise moneys for that purpose. And the Annual Conferences shall make an inquiry of their members respecting this part of their duty.

267. In case of the division of Circuits, in any involving separate claims on parsonage property, and if an amicable settlement cannot be reached in any other way, it shall be the duty of each Quarterly Official Board concerned to appoint an arbitrator; these two thus appointed shall choose a third, to whom the whole case shall be referred. In case either of the Circuits concerned fail to appoint an arbitrator, or the two chosen fail to agree on a third, within one year after such division, it shall be the duty of the Chairman of the District to appoint one. The decision of the arbitrators shall be in all cases final.

SECTION III.

Record of Church Property.

268. In order to prevent forgetfulness and loss of church property, a correct inventory of all our property, whether lands, churches, parsonages or furniture, shall be kept.

§9. The Book Steward, for the time being, shall be Registrar, and shall provide and keep a proper book for the purpose, which book shall be laid before the General Conference for the inspection of its members.

§10. Each Superintendent shall return a list and description of all Church property within his Circuit, Station or Mission, to the Annual District Meeting next preceding the meeting of the General Conference, according to the General Conference Schedule; also, the exact title and other information needful, and whether, and where, the deeds are registered.

SECTION IV.

Of Trustees.

§11. When a new Board of Trustees is to be created, it shall be done by the appointment of the Quarterly Conference, upon the nomination of the Superintendent of the Circuit, and shall consist of not less than five, nor more than twenty-one.

§12. No person shall be eligible as a trustee to any of our churches, parsonages, school-houses, burial-grounds or other property, who is not a member of our Church.

§13. No person who is a trustee shall be ejected while he is in joint security for money, unless such relief be granted him as is demanded, or as the creditor will accept.

§14. When and so often as one or more of the said trustees, or of their successors in the said trust, shall die, resign his office as trustee, withdraw, or cease to be a

member or members of the Methodist Church, to the Rules and Discipline of the said Church, the place of the trustee or trustees so dying, withdrawing or ceasing to be a member or members of the said Church, shall be filled with a successor or successors, being a member or members of the said Church, of the full term of twenty-one years, to be nominated and appointed as follows: that is to say, to be nominated by the trustees having charge for the time being of the Circuit in which the said premises shall be situate, and to be appointed by the surviving or remaining trustee or trustees of the said trust, or a majority of them, if he or they think proper to appoint the person or persons so nominated; and, in case of an equal division of the votes of the trustees present at any meeting of the trustees held for the purpose of such appointment, the minister in charge of the said Circuit shall have a casting vote in such appointment; and if it shall happen at any time that there shall be no surviving trustee of the said trust, in every such case it shall and may be lawful for the minister aforesaid to nominate, and the Quarterly Official Board of the Circuit, if they approve of the persons so nominated, to appoint the requisite number of trustees of the said trust; and if the majority of the members of the said meeting shall be present; and, in case of an equal division of the votes, the chairman of the said meeting shall have the casting vote in such appointment, and the person or persons so nominated and appointed trustee or trustees in the said modes of nomination and appointment shall be the legal successor or successors of the said abo-

ees, and shall have in perpetual succession the same
ities, powers, rights and duties, as belonged to and
exercised by the original trustees.

SECTION V.

. *Of Keeping Trustees' Records.*

15. 1. It shall be the duty of the trustees, for the time
3, to keep a book of record in which the names of the
ees shall be entered, together with the names of their
active successors, giving in each case the date when
became a trustee, and the date when each ceased to
trustee, and the cause of his ceasing to hold the office.

It shall be the duty of all trustees of church property
asure said property to at least three-fourths of the cash
e of the perishable property.



Part V.

EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

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EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

CHAPTER I.

EDUCATIONAL.

SECTION I.

EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

76. In order to combine in one effort the entire educational work of our Church, Societies for that purpose shall be formed on all Circuits and Missions, on the following Constitution :—

I. *Name.*

77. This Society shall be known as “The Educational Society of the Methodist Church.”

II. *Objects.*

78. The objects of this Society shall be to assist in maintaining our Connexional Universities and Colleges Theological Institutions; to defray the expenses of examination of candidates for the ministry in our Church, and to aid such candidates in obtaining a suitable education.

III. *Members.*

279. All subscribers of one dollar per annum **ar**
wards shall be members of the Society and entitle
copy of the Annual Report.

IV. *Management.*

280. 1. The management of the Society shall be
in a General Secretary of Education and two G
Treasurers, together with a Board of Management,
appointed by the General Conference, one of who
be the General Superintendent.

2. All expenditures of the funds of the Society **a**
made by resolution of the Board of Management,
ordered by Discipline or by special direction of the G
Conference.

3. No new educational institution shall be initi
any Church Court or Board without the consent
General Conference, or during the period between **a**
of that Conference without the consent of the G
Conference Special Committee.

V. *Duties of the General Secretary.*

281. It shall be the duty of the General Secre
publish the Annual Report of the Society ; and to t
measures possible in harmony with the other offic
Boards of our Church to increase the income of the S
and to oversee and promote the interests of our educ
work throughout the Dominion. He shall also, w
Secretary of the Board of Management, be author

uniformity among Conference Treasurers in the
tribution of the Educational Fund.

VI. *Duties of the General Treasurers.*

It shall be the duty of the General Treasurers :
to receive and account for the funds of the Society,
disburse the same as ordered by the General Con-
ference or by the Board of Management through the
General Conference. All notes given by students
shall be held in trust by the General Treasurers,
when they mature shall, under the direction of the
Board of Management, take steps for their collection,
to credit of each Conference Treasurer amounts
due on notes made by students of such Conference.
to remit to each College at the opening of the session
the amount of fees to which students attending the College
are entitled. These fees shall not exceed \$20 for each
student, and shall be a grant and not a loan.
to remit to students the amount of the Standard
Loan as announced by the General Secretary, one-half not
later than December 15th, and the remainder before April
1st of each session.
to obtain at the close of the session from each
student, on a form issued or approved by the General
Secretary, a promissory note, payable within ten years,
at 5 per cent interest, securing the said loan. To all students
their notes before maturity, either in whole or in
discount shall be made of 5 per cent. per annum on
the unpaid term of loan.

VII. *Branches.*

283. 1. A Conference branch of the Society organized in each Annual Conference, under the management of a Committee of such Conference, comes as follows :—

2. The President of the Conference, and four ministers and four laymen, and a Secretary and a Treasurer are elected by the Annual Conference.

3. A Circuit branch of the Society shall be organized in each Circuit or Mission, under whose direction and management, where practicable, shall be held, at which the current of our educational work shall be placed before our members, and collections and subscriptions taken for the benefit of the Society.

VIII. *Sources of Income.*

284. 1. Sermons shall be preached on behalf of the Society, and subscriptions and collections taken for the support of its funds, in all our churches and preaching places, at such time as may be directed by the Financial Meeting. The Newfoundland Conference may reserve for its own use for theological students such funds as it may raise for educational purposes.

2. A special collection for the Educational Fund shall, wherever practicable, be taken up in each Sabbath School annually, on a Sunday to be appointed by the Conference or the Superintendent of the Circuit in consultation with the Superintendent of the Sabbath School.

IX. *Division of Income.*

285. Of the prospective income, including cash brought in :

. One-fourth along with all refunds of loans shall be distributed as an aid fund *pro rata* according to the recommended proportion of aid ; *i.e.*, full or half aid, among the students appointed to college from the various Conferences to cover fees and loans. No student, however, shall receive either loan or fees who has not travelled as a pioneer one year.

. The remaining three-fourths shall be charged with :

- 1) Examination and Conference Treasurers' expenses.
- 2) Salaries of the officers of the Society and other expenses of administration.
- 3) Aid to Universities and Colleges by division of income, as follows :

Victoria University, 43 per cent.

The University of Mount Allison College, 14 per cent.

Vesleyan Theological College, Montreal, 18 per cent.

Vesley College, Winnipeg, 18 per cent.

Albert College, 4 per cent.

Columbian Methodist College, 3 per cent.

For the present quadrennium the last named Institution will also receive the entire income of the Educational Aid from the British Columbia Conference, the claims of students of this Conference for loans and fees being taken out of the General Fund.

X. Annual Conference Committees.

286. Each Annual Conference Committee shall name the time and place of the meeting of its Conference for the following purposes :

1. To consider the cases of all Probationers recommended by District Meetings to attend College, and propose to Conference the College they shall attend, and report to the General Treasurers the names of students who have travelled at least one year, and are recommended for aid, either to receive fees only, or Standard Loans full or in part along with fees. Undergraduates of Victoria or Toronto University shall be appointed to Victoria University ; those of McGill to the Wesleyan Theological College. Other students in the Central Conferences shall be divided between Victoria University and the Wesleyan Theological College, as these Conferences may, respectively decide. Students of the Western Conferences shall be appointed to Wesley and Columbian Colleges, and of the Eastern Conferences to the University of Toronto. Nevertheless, should there appear sufficient reason for doing so, a student may be permitted to attend some other of our Connexional Institutions.

2. To examine and order payment of the approved accounts of expenses of examinations within the bounds of the Conference.

XI. Equalization of Loans.

287. 1. Before the first of November in each year the Conference Treasurer shall ascertain the names of

tioners in actual attendance at college, and shall forward the General Secretary of Education a list of such as are commended for aid.

2. The General Secretary having received said returns in all the Conferences, except Newfoundland, shall determine from said returns the average amount of aid available for each probationer, with corresponding reduction where only partial aid is sought. Provided always aggregate amount of aid given in said revision shall exceed the total amount available.

XII. *Duties of Annual Conference Treasurers.*

§88. 1. To report to the General Secretary list of students recommended for aid.

. To see, in the case of any minister or probationer proposing to sever his connection with the ministry of our Church, that all loans are refunded before his credentials given him by Conference.

. To have his books duly audited at the close of the conference year, and to send audited statement with cash and to the General Treasurer immediately after the annual Conference.

SECTION II.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Introduction.

§89. For the thorough organization and government of Sabbath Schools of the Methodist Church, the following directions are given : 151

1. It shall be the duty of every Superintendent minister to see that, so far as possible, there shall be a Sabbath School in connection with each congregation under his charge; such school to be kept open, if at all practicable, during the whole year.

2. In organizing a new school, the Superintendent of the Circuit shall appoint, with the concurrence of the Quarterly Official Board, a suitable person to superintend the same, and the person so appointed shall, with the concurrence of the Superintendent of the Circuit, appoint the necessary officers and teachers, and proceed to organize the school in harmony with the following Constitution :

I. *Name.*

290. This School shall be known as the Methodist Sabbath School, and shall be under the supervision of the Quarterly Official Board of the Circuit or Mission.

II. *Management.*

291. The management of the School shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the minister or ministers in charge on the Circuit, the officers and teachers of the School, and not less than three, nor more than five, other persons, members of the Church, nominated by the Superintendent of the Circuit at the second meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, and elected by said Board. The persons so elected shall enter upon the duties of their office at the next ensuing meeting of the Committee of Management.

III. *Instruction.*

92. The instruction given in the School shall be the truths of the Word of God as expounded in the recognized standards of the Methodist Church. The Methodist catechisms shall be taught in each School.

IV. *Officers.*

93. The officers of the School shall be a Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and such other officers as may in the interests of the Schools be found desirable to appoint. The Superintendent and his assistant or assistants must be members of the Methodist Church.

V. *Elections.*

94. The Committee of Management shall annually elect all the officers and teachers at its regular meeting nearest to the first of May. (1) The Superintendent of the Circuit shall nominate for the office of Superintendent of the School two or more persons, and the Committee of Management shall elect by ballot. (2) The Superintendent of the School, after his election, shall nominate two or more persons for each of the other officers of the School, and the Committee of Management shall elect by ballot. The teachers shall be elected by the Committee of Management, on the nomination of the Superintendent. Vacancies that may occur in the lists of officers and teachers shall be filled from time to time by the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the ensuing meeting of the Committee of Management.

295. Meetings of the Committee of Management be held quarterly, or as much oftener as they shall, by resolution, decide, a report from which concerning the state of the School shall be presented at the next ensuing meeting of the Quarterly Office. (1) Where practicable, there shall be a meeting of the teachers for the study of the lesson. (2) Special business of the Committee of Management may be called in time by the Secretary, at the request of the Superintendent of the Circuit or the Superintendent of the School, with notice of the nature of the business to be transacted together with the time and place of meeting, shall be given to each member of the Committee. No other special business thus noticed shall be transacted at such meetings.

Order of Business.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Calling the roll.
3. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
4. Unfinished business.
5. Reports: of Superintendent, Secretary, Librarian, Committees and Special Meetings.
6. Elections.
7. Miscellaneous.
8. Closing exercises.

VI. *Anniversary.*

296. A public Anniversary meeting of the School shall be held in the month of in each year,

ports of the School, as adopted by the Committee of Management, shall be read, the officers and Committee for year announced, and such other exercises as, in the judgment of the Committee, may be deemed expedient.

General Principles.

97. The Superintendent of the Circuit shall be chairman of all Sabbath School Committees. In his absence, the Superintendent of the School shall preside.

The Superintendent of the Sabbath School shall be a member of the Quarterly Official Board of the Circuit.

98. No person shall be permitted to retain a position as an officer or teacher whose character or religious opinions, in the judgment of the Committee of Management or Quarterly Official Board of the Circuit, shall be deemed a sufficient ground of unfitness for service in our Sabbath Schools.

99. In order that the ministers may, from time to time, visit the Sabbath Schools on their Circuits, it is recommended that an open meeting of the School be held for that purpose once a quarter; if necessary, at the time of the regular preaching service.

100. The Superintendent of the School shall present, at each meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, a report concerning the state of the School, and shall cause the Annual Schedule to be filled up, and present the same to the *Fourth* meeting of the Quarterly Official Board of the Circuit. The Recording Steward shall prepare the Circuit report, and forward it to the Annual District Meeting.

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301. It is strongly recommended that the use of Sabbath School publications of our own Church in all our Schools, instead of irresponsible papers which are often hostile to the doctrinal teaching, and to the institutions of our country.

302. It is recommended that the New Catechism be taught in every school, as a succinct and logical statement of Methodist doctrine.

303. It is recommended that home classes, for those who cannot attend Sunday Schools, but who are induced to study the regular Sunday School lessons; that, where practicable, and reported to the church or appointment where they are held; also, that there be an annual house-to-house canvass upon all our circuits and missions.

304. It is also strongly recommended that every effort be employed to secure the attendance of our Sabbath School scholars at the regular services of the Church; that special efforts be put forth, as the Providence of God may indicate, for the conversion of the children, for the instruction in catechumen classes, and in gathering into the Church. Also, that the Sunday School idea be so developed as to promote the organization of congregational Bible classes in connection with all our schools.

Sabbath School Temperance Work.

305. In all the Sabbath Schools of our Church every effort shall be made to inculcate principles of total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors or injurious practices.

and for this purpose the following pledge shall be provided :

I do hereby pledge myself to abstain from the use of all alcoholic liquors as a beverage, from the use of tobacco in any form, from the use of profane language, the reading of bad books and papers, and to earnest efforts to secure the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

306. It is recommended that, unless otherwise provided the Committee of Management arrange for a temperance meeting in the school once a quarter, at which meeting addresses shall be given in keeping with the above pledge, and an effort made to induce all to subscribe thereto.

Constitution of Sabbath School Temperance Society.

307. 1. *Object.*—Its object shall be to promote the principles of total abstinence and prohibition, especially among the young.

2. *Membership.*—It shall be composed of all who take the pledge and sign the roll of membership.

3. *Management.*—The society shall be under the control of the Sabbath School Committee of Management, which shall appoint the officers of the society. The pledge shall be that prescribed above.

4. *Meetings.*—The officers will arrange for meetings at least once in three months.

Sabbath School Missionary Societies.

308. There shall be, wherever practicable, in connection with each Sabbath School, a Missionary Society, for the

collection of missionary money, the diffusion of missionary information, and the cultivation of a missionary spirit is also recommended that the Superintendent of the Circuit, in conjunction with the Superintendent of the School, shall secure, if possible, the presence of the School scholars at the Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society of the Church, and their participation in the services by singing missionary hymns and presenting missionary offerings. It is recommended that seventy-five per cent. of all Sunday School collections be given to the Missionary Society.

Connexional Funds.

309. On Sundays on which the claims of the Connexional Society, the Missionary Society and the Synodally-nominated and Supernumerary Ministers' Funds are presented before the congregations, the Sunday School superintendents are requested to explain to the schools their objects and to make collections on their behalf in the schools.

Settlement of Difficulties.

310. Should any difficulty arise in connection with the School, which the Committee cannot satisfactorily settle, the Minister, Superintendent of the School, or any members of the Committee, may, on giving due notice to the Committee of their intention, refer the matter to the next meeting of the Quarterly Office of the Circuit, when the case shall be heard and decided.

DISTRICT MEETING.—SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

1. Each Annual District Meeting shall elect by ballot a minister and one layman to the Annual Conference Sabbath School Committee.
 2. Each Chairman of a District shall inquire at the District Meeting, when the laymen are present, into the condition of the Sabbath Schools on every Circuit by report, and call for the schedules, which shall pass under mutual review and be tabulated for the Annual Conference.
 3. There shall be a Sabbath School Convention held in each District, to be composed of all the ministers and laymen for the ministry in the District, all Superintendents of Schools, and two or more delegates from each Sabbath School in the District; to be held in connection with the Financial District Meeting, or at such other time as the May District Meeting may determine. The exercises of said Convention shall consist of discussions on Sabbath School matters, essays, normal and model classes, and addresses, etc.
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE.—SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

I. *Committee.*

4. There shall be a Sabbath School Committee for the Annual Conference, composed of two members from each district, of which the President of the Annual Conference shall be the Chairman; but, in his absence, the Committee shall proceed to elect its own Chairman. It shall also elect a secretary. A treasurer of the Sabbath

School Aid and Extension Fund shall be appointed each Annual Conference, who may, or may not, be Secretary of the Sabbath School Committee.

315. It shall be the duty of the Committee to collect the statistics of the Districts, and prepare therefrom Conference Report, and make such recommendations to the Conference as the necessities of the work may require from time to time.

316. (a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Sabbath School Committee to take charge of the book papers belonging to our Sabbath School work, and act as corresponding secretary of the Conference. He shall make arrangements for the first meeting of the Conference as soon after the opening of Conference as may be convenient, and shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Sabbath School Committee to receive all moneys for the Sabbath School Aid and Extension Fund from the financial agents throughout the Conference, and forward the same to the General Treasurer, as hereinafter provided.

II. *Annual Conference Meeting.*

317. There shall be a public Sabbath School meeting held in connection with the Annual Conference, for which arrangements shall be made by the Committee appointed to prepare the plan of public services for the Conference at which the Report of the Sabbath School Committee shall be read, followed by addresses and discussion of Sabbath School topics.

III. *Collections.*

3. An annual collection in aid of Sabbath School shall be taken up in all our schools, to be called the Sabbath School Aid and Extension Fund collection. It is recommended that this collection be taken up at the opening of the School on the Quarterly Review Sunday in November, or at such other time as may be found most convenient. It shall be the duty of Superintendents of Districts and of Chairmen of Districts to see that such collections are taken up.

4. The District Financial Secretaries shall receive collections in the same manner as the other General Conference collections, and transmit the same to the Secretary of the Sabbath School Committee of the Annual Conference, who shall forward the same to the Treasurer of the General Conference Sabbath School Board.

5. This fund shall be employed in making, under regulations as the Board may frame, grants of Sabbath School periodicals and books to schools in destitute places, and in promoting the establishment of new schools where none exist.

6. The Ontario section of the Sabbath School Board if thought advisable, appoint a sub-committee, or Executive Committee, to make grants of books and transact business.

IV. *Auditors*

1. The Executive Committee of the General Board shall appoint an auditor, or auditors, whose duty it shall

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be to examine all the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer and report to the Ontario section of the Board; and also in four years to the General Sabbath School Board. The said audit shall be submitted to the Annual Conference and published in some of the Sabbath School periodicals.

323. SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EPWORTH LEAGUE GENERAL BOARD.

I. General Conference Board.

There shall be a General Conference Sunday School and Epworth League Board, which shall consist of:

(a) One minister and one layman from each Annual Conference, to represent the Sunday School Section. They shall be nominated by the delegations of the Annual Conferences present at the General Conference and elected by the General Conference.

(b) One member from each Annual Conference, to represent the Epworth League Section, who shall be nominated by the delegations of the Annual Conferences present at the General Conference and elected by the General Conference.

(c) One representative elected by each Annual Conference Convention of Young People's Societies, who shall be elected as provided in the Epworth League constitution.

(d) The editor of the Sunday School periodicals, the General Secretary, and the Treasurers of the Sunday School and Epworth League sections of the Board.

II. *Powers of the Board.*

The Board shall have general oversight of Sunday Schools and also of Epworth Leagues, and other Young People's Societies who may affiliate with the League; and shall have power to amend the constitution of Local Leagues (provided, however, that no enactment shall in any manner conflict with this constitution or the Discipline of the Methodist Church). The Board shall also arrange courses of reading and study for members of the Leagues, select topics for League meetings, and provide, through the Book Room, for the publication of such literature as in their judgment is necessary.

The Board shall fill by election any vacancy occurring in the General Conference representatives during the quadrennium.

In the absence of the General Superintendent at any of its meetings, the members may elect a chairman *pro tem*.

All members of both sections of the Board shall have the right of voting on all subjects coming before the Board, whether relating to Sunday Schools or Epworth Leagues.

III. *Officers.*

The officers of the Board shall be a President (who shall, *ex officio*, be the General Superintendent), five Vice-Presidents—one for the Sunday School section of the Board and one each for the four departments of the Epworth League section, the Editor of the Sunday School periodicals, a Treasurer for each section of the Board, and the General Secretary, who shall be the Secretary of the Board.

IV. *Executive Committee.*

There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the General Superintendent, General Secretary, Editor of Sunday School periodicals, the Treasurer and four other members—two from the Sunday School section and two from the Epworth League section. This Committee shall advise the General Secretary in his work, and attend to any necessary business between the meetings of the Board.

V. *General Secretary.*

There shall be a General Secretary, who shall be known as the General Secretary of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues. He shall conduct Sunday School and Epworth League correspondence and attend to the general business of the same. He shall edit the monthly Epworth League paper, under the direction of the Western Section of the Book Committee; travel throughout the Connection, promoting the organization and interests of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues along Conference and District lines, aiding pastors in the establishing and developing of Sunday Schools and Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues, carrying out the policy of the General Conference in doing so. He shall hold Sunday School Conventions or Institutes, and Institutes for Bible study and training in Christian work. He shall endeavor to promote a Connection-wide Sunday School and Epworth League literature. He shall visit, as far as possible, District and Conference Conventions. He shall aid in increasing contributions to

Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund and Epworth League funds. He shall cause to be forwarded all necessary Sunday School and Epworth League schedules. He shall conduct all correspondence with reference to the making of grants from the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board or its Executive, it being understood that he shall not interfere with the functions of the ministers or other officers of the Church in their prescribed duties.

VI. *The Treasurers.*

The Treasurers shall receive all collections and other funds belonging to their respective sections of the Board, pay the same out on the order of the Executive Committee of the Board, prepare statements for each annual meeting of the Board, and quadrennial reports for the General Conference.

VII. *Meetings.*

An annual meeting of the members of the Board, representing the Conferences in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, shall be held at such time and place as the General Superintendent shall direct.

It shall be competent for the members of the Board residing in other Conferences to meet annually, in joint or separate meetings, under the direction of the General Superintendent, for the management of the Sunday Schools or Local Leagues and other Young People's Societies within their jurisdiction. Where such meeting is held the Secretary thereof shall report the proceedings to the General

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Secretary of the Board, and in other respects they shall be corresponding members of the Board.

VIII. *Revenue.*

The revenue of the Sunday School section of the Board shall be derived from the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund, and that of the Epworth League Section from an annual collection or contribution from each League and other young people's societies affiliated with the League; the Board may devise other ways and means of providing additional revenue.

The salary and expenses of the General Secretary shall be paid out of the revenues under the control of the Board in such proportions from each section as the Board may decide.

The Editor of the Sunday School periodicals shall superintend the selection, examination and recommendation of suitable books for Sunday School libraries, and publish and circulate catalogues of the same.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE—EPWORTH LEAGUE COMMITTEE

§ 324. There shall be an Annual Conference Epworth League Committee, composed of one minister and one layman, elected by the District Meeting. To this committee are to be referred all matters affecting the League in connection with Annual Conferences. The Conference Treasurer of the Epworth League Fund shall be *ex officio* member of the Committee.

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PREAMBLE.

purpose of promoting intelligent and vital piety among people of the Methodist Church ; training them in active work ; promoting the study of the Bible and Christian there shall be an organization under the authority of the inference, governed by the following Constitution :

NAME.

name of the organization shall be "The Epworth League Methodist Church."

OBJECTS.

objects shall be to unite its young people in Christian and service ; increase their spirituality by edification in truth and by prayer ; instruct them in Methodist doctrine and history ; enlist their co-operation in missionary activities existing denominational organizations, and stimulate them in the formation and development of Leagues.

CONTROL.

control of the General Society shall be vested in the school and Epworth League Board.
General Epworth League shall be the recognized parent which local Leagues shall be branches.

AFFILIATION.

Christian Endeavor Society, whose President is a member Methodist Church and approved of by the Quarterly Official become affiliated with the Epworth League by adopting "Epworth League of Christian Endeavor," and any league may become affiliated with the Society of Christian by adopting as a local name "Epworth League of Christian Endeavor."

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REPRESENTATION ON QUARTERLY OFFICIAL BOARDS.

5. The Presidents of all Epworth Leagues and Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor shall, on being approved by the Quarterly Official Boards, become members of the same, and shall so continue so long as they remain Presidents.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

6. An Epworth League Convention may be held annually in each District.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES.

7. Each District Convention shall elect a representative to the Annual Conference Convention, as a member of its Executive Committee.

CONFERENCE CONVENTIONS.

8. The members of Epworth Leagues, within the boundaries of any Conference, may organize and hold a Convention of Epworth Leagues and other Methodist Young People's Societies once in five years.

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES.

9. When any such Convention is held, it shall be competent for it to elect one representative to the Sunday School and Epworth League Board, who shall hold office for two years, which election shall be reported to the next ensuing Annual Conference.

In case of failure of such election, the Annual Conference Epworth League Committee may nominate, and the Annual Conference elect a representative to the Sunday School and Epworth League Board.

QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION.

10. Under the direction of the Sunday School and Epworth League Board, there may be held each quadrennium a Young People's Convention for the whole of the Church.

CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be called "The Epworth League of the
.....Conference.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of the Conference League shall be to aid and help the
societies and other Young People's societies, and the members
of, within its jurisdiction, to accomplish the purpose set forth
in the Epworth League Constitution,

By increasing their spirituality.

By improving their methods of work.

By becoming better acquainted, so as to be more helpful to
each other.

By assisting in organizing new societies in the Districts of
the conference, and promoting in every way possible the efficiency
of those already organized by co-operation with the General Secre-
tary in his work.

ARTICLE III.—REPRESENTATION IN CONVENTION.

All Leagues or Methodist Young People's societies whose "aims
and methods of religious work" are similar to those set forth in the
Epworth League Constitution shall be eligible for representation
and entitled to vote, the scale of representation being one official
delegate for every twenty members or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of the Conference League shall be: Honorary Presi-
dent who shall be the President of the Annual Conference; Presi-
dents of the five Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and the represen-
tatives on the Epworth League Board, who shall hold office until
their successors are elected at the next Biennial Convention.

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ARTICLE V.—EXECUTIVE.

The officers of the Conference League and the representative from each District League within the bounds of the Conference, elected as provided by the General Constitution of the Epworth League, shall compose the Executive Committee, and may be convened at any time by the President.

ARTICLE VI.—ELECTIONS.

A Nominating Committee, composed of the Honorary President, the President and five other members elected by ballot by the Convention (only one ballot to be taken and the five having the highest number of votes to be declared elected) shall, at each Biennial Convention, nominate two or more candidates for each office, to be elected by the Convention by ballot.

ARTICLE VII.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

(a) The President shall perform the duties usually appertaining to that office, and watch over and help forward the interests of the societies in the Conference.

(b) The first four Vice-Presidents shall, in the order named, be appointed to further the work of the societies in the Conference in the different departments, as described in the Constitution of the Local Leagues.

(c) The fifth Vice-President shall assist in the organization and development of Junior Leagues throughout the Conference.

(d) The Secretary shall make and have charge of all records, conduct the correspondence, give notice of meetings, and attend to all the other duties of his office.

(e) The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Conference League, and disburse the same at the direction of the Executive, upon order of the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII.—CONVENTIONS.

There shall be a Biennial Convention of this Conference League. The Executive Committee shall fix the time and place, unless arranged for at the Convention, and provide the programme.

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-laws may be adopted in harmony with this Constitution.

¶. CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

is organization shall be called “The Epworth League of the
.....District.”

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

object shall be to assist its Leagues and members in accom-
plishing the different purposes set forth in the Epworth League
Constitution :

By increasing their spirituality.

By improving their methods of work.

By becoming better acquainted, so as to be more helpful to
other.

By assisting in organizing new Leagues on the District, and
promoting in every way possible the efficiency of those already
organized.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

All members of Leagues or other Young People's societies in the
District whose “aims and methods of religious work” are similar
to those set forth in the Epworth League Constitution, shall be
eligible for membership in the District League, and shall be entitled
to.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of the District League shall be : Honorary President,
who shall be the Chairman of the District ; President, five Vice-
Presidents, the representative of the District on the Conference
Committee, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall hold office until
their successors are elected at the next Annual Convention.

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ARTICLE V.—EXECUTIVE.

The officers of the District League and five others elected same time, on the nomination of the Business Committee compose the Executive Committee, and may be convened time by the President.

At each District Convention, a Business Committee of five persons shall be elected by ballot immediately after devotions; the five receiving the highest number of votes on the ballot to be declared elected. This Committee shall appoint officers for the ensuing year, and report to the Convention report to be final.

ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The President shall perform the duties pertaining to the League and watch over and help forward the interests of the League societies in the District.

The first four Vice-Presidents shall, in the order now appointed to further the work of the Leagues and societies in the District in the different departments, as described in the Constitution of Local Leagues. The fifth Vice-President shall assist in the organization and development of Junior Leagues throughout the District.

The Secretary shall make and have charge of all records, correspondence, give notice of meetings, and attend to all the duties of the office.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the League, and disburse the same at the direction of the Executive upon the order of the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE VII.—CONVENTIONS.

There shall be an Annual Convention of the District League. The Executive shall fix the time and place, unless arranged at the previous Convention, and provide the programme.

By-Laws.

By-laws may be made in harmony with this Constitution

328. CONSTITUTION OF THE LOCAL SOCIETIES.

MOTTO.

“Look up, lift up, for Christ and the Church.”

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the EPWORTH LEAGUE of the Methodist Church of ———, and shall be represented by its agent on the Quarterly Official Board of said Church, and shall be a branch of the GENERAL EPWORTH LEAGUE OF THE METHODIST CH.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of the League is (a) to save souls ; (b) to promote an intelligent, practical Christian life in the young members and friends of the Church ; (c) to assist them in the study of God's Word ; (d) to increase their usefulness in the service of God and humanity.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

There shall be three classes of members :—Active, Associate and Honorary.

Active Members shall be persons who are members of the Methodist or some other Christian Church, and who have taken the Pledge hereinafter given, known as the Active Member's Pledge.

Associate Members.—Persons of good moral character may become Associate Members of the League. It is expected that all Associate Members will habitually attend the religious and other meetings of the League, and that they will, in time, become Active Members thereof ; but their names may be removed from the roll after six months' non-attendance upon meetings. Associate Members may serve on committees and be entitled to all the privileges of membership, by taking the Associate Member's pledge, but shall not be eligible for office.

Honorary Members.—All persons who, though no longer members, are still interested in the League and wish to have some

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connection with it, though they cannot regularly attend the meetings, may become Honorary Members, and shall be allowed to vote on all matters of business except the election of officers and adoption of by-laws. Their names shall be kept upon the roll under the appropriate heading, but shall not be called at the regular call meeting. It is understood that the League may look to Honorary Members for financial and moral support in all its efforts.

Any person willing to become a member of the League shall be furnished with a pledge card and constitution. He will sign the pledge and hand it to the Lookout Committee, who will confer with him and report to the Executive, who shall, if satisfied with his eligibility, recommend him to the League as a member at the next monthly consecration meeting.

The pastor of the church shall be *ex officio* an Active Member of the League.

ARTICLE IV.—DEPARTMENTS.

The work of the League shall be carried on in four departments as follows :

1. Christian Endeavor. 2. Missionary. 3. Literary. 4. Social.

The distribution of work under each department shall be as follows :

Christian Endeavor—(a) Young People's prayer-meeting; (b) Monthly consecration meeting; (c) Lookout work and spiritual welfare of members; (d) Junior League work; (e) Sunday School interests; (f) Evangelistic work, such as open-air and street meetings.

Missionary—(a) Missionary work; (b) Temperance and purity; (c) House-to-house visiting and tract distributing.

Literary—(a) Systematic Bible study; (b) Essays and literary work; (c) Epworth League Reading Course.

Social—(a) Welcoming and introducing members; (b) Musical and social entertainments in harmony with the spirit of Christianity; (c) Employment bureau; (d) Badges and decorations.

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ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENTS.

An Epworth League may be organized in the Christian Endeavor movement only. If thought desirable, the departments of Christian Endeavor and Missionary may be amalgamated under one President.

The Christian Endeavor department shall be central and fundamental in the organization and working of an Epworth League. It is optional with every League how far it will support the Missionary, Literary and Social departments. It is strongly advised that wherever practicable all the departments be organized, with the object of more fully carrying on the aims of the Christian Endeavor department.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

. The officers shall be an Honorary President (who shall be the honor), a President, four Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, (who shall be Active Members of the League).

. The President shall be a member of the Methodist Church, shall be elected at the annual meeting of the League. The Superintendent of the Circuit, who shall be Chairman of the annual meeting, shall nominate two or more persons for the office, the election shall be by ballot.

. The other officers shall also be elected by ballot on the nomination of the Nominating Committee, of which the Superintendent of the Circuit shall be *ex officio* chairman; the committee to be composed of seven persons, who shall be active members of the League, shall be elected by ballot, without debate, at the regular meeting next preceding the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall nominate two or more active members for each office. No persons shall be declared elected by less than a majority vote.

The President of the League, on being approved by the Quarterly Official Board, shall be a member thereof, and shall report at each meeting of the Board, as to the progress and general condition of the League.

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5. The President of the League shall perform the duties pertaining to that office, watch over the interests of the League and it shall be his care to see that the different committees perform the duties devolving upon them.

6. The Vice-Presidents shall also, in the order named, report and have charge of the departments of Christian Endeavor, Missionary, Literary and Social work. They shall aid the President as he may request. (a) The first Vice-President shall have charge of the Christian Endeavor Department, having under his direction the Lookout, Prayer-meeting, Evangelistic and Sunday School Committees. (b) The 2nd Vice-President shall have charge of the Missionary Department and the committees connected therewith. He shall circulate missionary literature, encourage the adoption of some systematic method of giving, and make arrangements for holding missionary meetings. (c) The 3rd Vice-President shall have charge of the Literary Department. It shall be his duty to interest the members of the League in Bible study, and when practicable, organize an Epworth League Reading Circle. He shall give attention to the circulation of our Connexional literature. The 4th Vice-President is expected to arrange plans by which newcomers will be visited, strangers welcomed, and the social interests of the League and Church promoted.

7. The Recording Secretary shall make and have charge of the records, also a complete record of membership from the first meeting, notices of meetings, and attend to all other duties of his office.

8. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence and, when necessary, write to absent members and read reports before the League at his discretion. Immediately after his election he shall forward a list of the new officers to the General Secretary and also to the District Secretary.

9. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and receive all offerings, disbursing the same at the direction of the League, upon orders of the Secretary, countersigned by the President. He shall receive the annual collection for the General Epworth League Fund, and shall hand it to the Superintendent of the Circuit, who shall forward it to the Financial Secretary of the District.

10. For the purpose of enlisting all in the work and rendering it more effective, the Executive Committee shall assign each member to at least one department of work. Each Vice-President shall name to the Executive Committee, committees for the management of his department, that officer being *ex officio* a member of each Committee.

11. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Superintendent of the Circuit, the officers of the League, and the chairmen of the various Standing Committees. All matters of business requiring debate, recommendations concerning finance, and proposed changes, shall be brought first before this Committee, and by it reported either favorably or adversely to the League.

12. Each committee, except the Executive, shall report in writing, through its Vice-President, to the League at the monthly business meetings concerning the work of the past month.

ARTICLE VI.—PLEDGE.

Active Member's Pledge.

Taking Christ as my example, and trusting in the help of the Holy Spirit, I promise that I will endeavor to learn and do my Heavenly Father's will ; that I will make stated seasons of private prayer and the daily study of the Bible the rule of my life. As an Active Member of the League, I will, except when excusable to my master, be present at and take part in the meetings of the Christian Endeavor Department, and will be true to all my duties as a member of the Church. I will abstain from all amusements and habits upon which I cannot ask God's blessing. I will honor God with my substance as He has prospered me. I will endeavor, by kindly words and deeds, to cultivate the spirit of Christian friendship and bring my young associates to Christ.

Associate Member's Pledge.

As an Associate Member, I am willing to serve on committees and to work as I may be required to advance the interests of the League, and will, by conversation, conduct and companions, endeavor to sustain its character as a Christian Society.

ARTICLE VII.—MEETINGS.

1. Regular religious meetings of the League shall be held weekly.

2. A monthly consecration meeting shall be held.

3. Business meetings may be held after any regular meeting. Special business meetings may be called at any time by the President.

4. The following shall be the order of exercises at business meetings:

- (a) Devotional Exercises.
- (b) Minutes.
- (c) Report of Secretary.
- (d) Report of Treasurer.
- (e) Reports of Departments.
- (f) Reports of Special Committees.
- (g) Unfinished Business.
- (h) New Business.
- (i) Adjournment.

5. At any business meeting members shall constitute a quorum.

6. The League year shall close at the same time as the ecclesiastical year; and the Annual Meeting for the election of officers shall be held on the evening in the month of April in each year. The Superintendent of the Circuit shall preside at the annual meeting. Each officer shall present a written report of the work in the department under his charge during the year.

7. A collection for the expenses of the Sunday School and Epworth League Board shall be taken up annually, at some time previously announced before the Annual District Meeting, and forwarded by the Superintendent of the Circuit to the Financial Secretary of the District, and by him to the Conference Treasurer of the General Epworth League Fund, who will pay it to the Treasurer of the Epworth League section of the Sunday School and Epworth League Board. The Conference Treasurer may also be the Secretary of the Conference League Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.—COMMITTEES.

The following committees may be appointed to take charge of work of the departments:

1. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Lookout.—It shall be the duty of this Committee to bring new members into the League, to introduce them to the work and to other members, and affectionately to look after and reclaim any who seem indifferent to their duties, as outlined in the pledge.

Prayer-meeting.—It shall be the duty of this Committee to have charge the prayer-meeting, and to see that a topic is assigned, a leader appointed for every meeting, and to do what it can secure faithfulness to the membership pledge.

Evangelistic Work.—This Committee shall devote itself to personal effort for the "winning of souls."

Sunday School.—This Committee shall endeavor to bring into Sunday School those who do not attend elsewhere, and visit absentees upon notification of absence for two Sundays, and to aid the efficient working of the Junior League.

2. MISSIONARY.

Missionary.—This Committee shall promote the interests of the Missionary Anniversary, the Woman's Auxiliary and the Mission Band, and seek to interest the members of the League in all ways Missionary topics.

Temperance and Social Purity.—This Committee shall provide for promotion of total abstinence from, and the legal prohibition of, alcoholic beverages, and also seek to elevate public opinion regarding the law of personal purity, and the maintenance of the moral standard for men and women.

Visiting and Relief.—This Committee shall visit sick or afflicted members, provide volunteer watches or nurses, furnish material comforts, when necessary; under the direction of the pastor to visit the neighborhood, invite strangers to the church, report and

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relieve, when possible, cases of distress, distribute tracts any other similar Christian work.

3. LITERARY.

Literary.—This Committee shall provide the intellectual and entertainments of the League by means of lectures, essays, literary programmes, etc. It shall have charge "courses of study" pursued by the members, and of "courses" in connection with the League.

4. SOCIAL WORK.

Social.—It shall be the duty of this Committee to promote social interests of the League by welcoming strangers to meetings, and by providing for the mutual acquaintance of the members.

Floral Offerings.—This Committee may provide flowers for the pulpit on Sunday, and distribute them to the sick at the services.

ARTICLE IX.—GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. All the Active Members are expected to be present at every prayer-meeting, unless detained by some absolute necessity. Each Active Member is expected to take some part, however small, in every Christian Endeavor meeting. At the close of the meeting some time should be taken for introduction and social intercourse if desired.

2. Once a month a consecration meeting for religious experience and testimony should be held, at which each Active Member should speak concerning his progress in the Christian life, or renew his vows of consecration. If any one chooses, he can express his faith by an appropriate verse of Scripture or other quotation.

3. At each testimony or experience meeting the pledges should be read and the roll called, and the responses of the members present shall be considered as a renewed expression of faith in the pledge. It is expected that if any one is obliged to be absent from this meeting he will send a request to be excused by the

attends, accompanied, if possible, with at least a verse of scripture, to be read in the response to his name at the roll call.

If any Active Member of the League be absent from this thly meeting and fail to send an excuse, the Lookout Committee is expected to take the name of such an one, and in a kind brotherly spirit ascertain the reason for the absence. If any Member of this League be absent and unexcused from three consecutive monthly meetings, such an one ceases to be a member of the League.

. It is to be understood that the Junior League does not interfere with our class meetings, but is intended to assist in securing religious instruction and spiritual nurture of the children. It is also to be clearly understood that membership in the Junior League does not necessarily imply membership in the Church.

ARTICLE X.—RECEPTION OF MEMBERS.

The following Form, for the reception of new members into our Leagues and Societies, is commended to them for adoption and use, in order that all members, both old and new, may have frequently impressed upon them the full meaning and importance of their obligations.

On Consecration Night, after the roll has been called, the names of all candidates will be read, who will then come forward; while going forward the members will sing a consecration hymn, after which all will bow heads in silent prayer. The Pastor or President then say:—

DEAR FRIENDS,—We rejoice that you have recognized your duty to God, to humanity and to yourself, by signing our pledge, and we trust you understand clearly and appreciate fully:

This organization is designed for the salvation of young people, for growth in Christian life, and their training in definite service, to look up and lift up for Christ and the Church.

It is based upon the principle of Christian fellowship, and by the young people of our Church are brought into close relation to one another, and are thereby enabled to edify one another in

"Let me remind you that as an Active Member you are pledged to support your Church and all its interests; to be present at every meeting of the Christian Endeavor Department of the League, unless hindered by some reason that you can give to the League; if absent from a consecration service to send a response in your name; and to pray and read the Bible daily.

"As an Associate Member you will promise to attend the meetings regularly, and be willing to be known as one who desires to be surrounded by influences that will enable you to become an Active Member. Do you each cordially approve the object of the League, prayerfully accept your responsibilities, and earnestly promise, 'trusting in the help of the Holy Spirit,' to unite with us in our work?"

Candidate will answer, "I do."

Pastor or President, to the members:

"You have heard the response; all who are in favor of the reception of the candidate to membership in our League, and desire to extend a hearty welcome, will please rise."

The President, speaking for the League, may say:

"We, as a League, affectionately welcome you to our fellowship and to a part in our Church work. We promise, under the guidance, to be helpful, and to assist you to be loyal to our Society in all ways; and at this time we desire to consecrate ourselves anew to the Master's service in the words of our pledge." Active Members will remain standing and repeat the pledge with the new Active Members. Then the Associate Members will stand and repeat their pledge with the new Associate Members.)

A brief prayer will follow.

Then the President and Vice-Presidents will welcome them with a hearty handshake, and the Secretary will have them sign the Constitution, which is kept in a book for that purpose. As they are signing, a verse of "Blest be the Tie that Binds" may be sung, after which a few minutes are spent in greetings by the whole Society.

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ARTICLE XI.—BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS.

The League may make such By-laws, consistent with the above constitution, as may be needed.

Amendments to the Constitution must be submitted, in writing, to the executive of the General Board, and when approved by it, be adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular meeting, if notice has been previously given that the amendment shall be voted on.

9. CONSTITUTION OF THE JUNIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.

ARTICLE I.

This organization shall be known as the Junior Epworth League, auxiliary to the Epworth League.

ARTICLE II.

The Junior Epworth League shall have a Superintendent, who shall be the pastor, or person approved by him, who shall be, when available, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Epworth League. The departments of Christian Endeavor and religious work of the Epworth League are especially expected to assist the pastor and the Superintendent of the Junior League in its work and the education of its members. Where there is no Epworth League, the local Sabbath School Committee may make provision under the same, as above, and exercise control.

ARTICLE III.

The object of the Junior League shall be to systematize the work and assist the pastor and those appointed by him in the instruction

EXPLANATORY NOTE.—Any Junior League that adopts the title, "Junior Epworth League of Christian Endeavor," as a local name, will be entitled to ship in the Unions and Conventions of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

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and nurture of the catechumen classes, as provided in Discipline, and to promote in its members an earnest and intelligent spiritual life, and train them in works of mercy and help. The Junior League shall be so managed as to contribute to the interest both of the Sabbath School and the ordinary juvenile classes.

ARTICLE IV.

Members of the Junior League shall be boys and girls under fourteen years, except as may be otherwise determined as to age by each Local Branch of the Junior League for itself. An organization, persons shall become members by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the League.

ARTICLE V.

The earnest co-operation of the parents shall be solicited, where practicable, obtained. Meetings may be held Sunday afternoons or otherwise, as may be found convenient, for instruction in the Holy Scriptures, in our catechism, doctrines, history and biography; in moral movements and temperance reform; in the spirit, manners and practices of the Christian life and in its course; and in such other subjects as the pastor may choose to direct.

ARTICLE VI.

Any Junior Epworth League may adopt what departments of ordinary Epworth League work it prefers; but must maintain those departments covering the ground contemplated in the disciplinary catechumen classes and the exercises necessary to produce effect to the instruction there set forth.

ARTICLE VII.

The officers of the Junior League shall be the Superintendent, as provided in Art. II., who shall also be the Honorary President of the Junior League, and have oversight of the work and all affairs; as many Assistant Superintendents (Honorary)

Presidents) as there are departments at work, following the model of the Epworth League—a President, Vice-President, Secretary and a Treasurer. These officers, with the pastor, and under his presidency, shall form the Executive Committee of the League.

The officers, except those appointed, shall be elected annually by the members of the League at a regular meeting, shall assist the pastor in his provision for the leadership of the catechumen classes, and maintain the efficiency of their respective departments to the best of their ability.

ARTICLE VIII.

To meet expenses, voluntary collections may be taken in the League.

ARTICLE IX.

Modification of this constitution may be made by the Executive Committee in any locality to meet its special needs.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Junior Epworth League of*.....of

II. Its object shall be to win the boys and girls to accept Christ, to train them to work for Him everywhere and at all times, and to guide them in forming the right kind of Christian character.

III. Its *Active* Members shall be those between and years who shall show that they are trying to live a Christian life, and who sign the following Pledge, provided that none shall be retained in membership who are over sixteen years of age :

“Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will try to do whatever He would like to have me do ; that I will pray and read the Bible every day ; and that, just so far as I know how, I will try to lead a Christian life. I will be

*EXPLANATORY NOTE.—Any Society may fill this blank with “Christian Endeavor,” and thus be entitled to fellowship in the Unions and Conventions of the Young People’s Society of Christian Endeavor.

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present at every meeting of the Society when I can, and will do some part in every meeting."

Name.....

I am willing that.....
should sign this Pledge, and will do all I can to help.....
keep it.

Parent's Name

Residence.....

IV. *Associate Members* shall be those who wish to attend, and promise to keep good order when at the meeting. These shall be their names on the roll, and sign the following Pledge, and serve as leaders for the meeting :

"I do hereby promise, with the help of God, to try always to be right; to read the Bible daily; to come to every meeting of the Society when I can, and to be attentive and orderly at present."

Name.....

I am willing that.....
should sign this Pledge, and will do all I can to help.....
keep it.

Parent's Name

Residence.....

V. The officers of the Society shall be a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, President and Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. There shall be a Lookout Committee, and such other committees as may be needed.

VI. The Superintendent shall have full control of the Society and be its Honorary President.

The Assistant Superintendents shall aid the Superintendent in his work. The Assistant shall take care of the funds of the Society during the time between the meetings. There shall be as many Assistant Superintendents (Honorary Presidents) as departments of work.

The President shall conduct the business meetings, under the direction of the Superintendent, and see that the different committees perform the duties devolving upon them.

The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President.

The Secretary shall keep a correct list of the members, take the minutes of the business meetings, and call the roll at each meeting.

The Treasurer shall take up the collections, enter the amount in the account-book, and turn over the money to the Assistant Superintendent, and also enter all expenditures as directed by the Superintendent.

II. The Superintendent and Assistants shall be appointed by the Pastor, or by the senior Society (if one exists), with the approval of the Pastor. The other officers and committees shall be nominated by the Superintendent and Assistant, and elected by the Society. All officers shall be chosen once in six months.

III. A prayer-meeting shall be held once every week. A consecration meeting shall be held once a month, at which the League shall be read and the roll called, and the responses of the members shall be considered a renewal of the Pledge of the Society. If any member is absent from three consecutive consecration meetings without excuse, his name shall be dropped from the list of members.

IV. Part of the hour of the weekly meeting shall, if deemed proper, be used by the Pastor or Superintendent of the Society for instruction, or for other exercises which they may approve.

The Committees and their duties shall be as follows:

The Lookout Committee shall bring new members into the Society, and affectionately look after and reclaim any who seem indifferent to their pledge.

The Prayer-Meeting Committee shall select topics, assign leaders, and do what it can to secure faithfulness to the prayer-meeting engagements.

The Social Committee shall welcome the children to the meetings and introduce them to the other members of the Society. They may also arrange for occasional sociables.

The Temperance Committee shall arrange for an occasional

temperance meeting, and circulate the following temperance among the members :

"I do hereby pledge myself to abstain from the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, from the use of tobacco, from the use of profane language, the reading of obscene and papers, and to earnest efforts to secure the prohibition of liquor traffic."

The Sunday School Committee shall secure the names of those who do not attend Sunday School and invite them to become members of the Sunday School.

The Missionary Committee shall try to interest the members at home and foreign mission work and arrange for regular missionary meetings.

The Musical and Literary Committee shall endeavor to secure singing a success, provide for occasional literary meetings where possible, try to carry on some definite plan of Bible or other reading course.

The Visiting Committee should call on strangers, visit the sick, try to render relief to the needy, distribute flowers and such other "deeds of mercy and help" as they can.

All committees shall meet at least once a month for conference with the Superintendent in regard to their work.

Other committees may be added, according to the needs of the societies, and duties defined.

XI. The Junior Society, being a part of the Senior, shall give all possible aid and support the latter can give it; it is expected that when the members of the Junior have reached the age limit, they will enter the Senior Society as Active Members.

XII. Miscellaneous sections :

1. The regular meetings shall be held every from The last meeting of each month shall be a conference meeting, and should be led by one of the Superintendents. The first meeting of each shall be a business meeting.

2. The officers shall be elected and committees appointed and

3. A voluntary collection shall be taken at each conference meeting, to help meet expenses of the Society.

Special meetings may be held by the Superintendent at any time.

All expenditures shall be made under the direction of the Superintendents.

The By-laws may be altered or amended any time the Superintendents and Executive Committee of the Senior Society deem it necessary.

SECTION III.

THE BOOK AND PRINTING ESTABLISHMENTS.

I. The Book Committee—Its Powers and Duties.

330. The General Conference shall, quadrennially, appoint a Book Committee, to be composed of ministers and men residing within the bounds of the several Annual Conferences, as follows—Four members from each of the following Conferences: Toronto, London, Hamilton, Bay of Quinte and Montreal, and one from the Manitoba Conference; from the Nova Scotia Conference, five members; from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, five members; and from the Newfoundland Conference, two members. These members shall be elected by delegates of the several Annual Conferences, meeting separately, and with the Book Stewards and Editors shall constitute the Book Committee for the quadrennial term following their appointment.

331. At the first meeting after its appointment the Book Committee shall divide into two Sections, to be called, respectively, the "Western" and "Eastern" Sections of the Book Committee.

332. The Western Section shall consist of the members of the Committee residing within the bounds of Toronto, London, Hamilton, Bay of Quinte, Manitoba and North-West, British Columbia and the Western Conferences, eleven of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

333. The Eastern Section shall consist of the members residing within the bounds of the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland Conferences, seven of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

334. The Western Section shall have the control and supervision of the Book and Printing Establishment of the city of Toronto, and of any other that may be established by the General Conference within the bounds of Toronto, London, Hamilton, Bay of Quinte, Manitoba and North-West, British Columbia and the Western Conferences.

335. The Eastern Section shall have the control and supervision of the Book and Printing Establishment of the city of Halifax, and of any other that may be established within the bounds of the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland Conferences.

336. Each Section shall elect its own Secretary. In the absence of a General Superintendent, shall appoint its own Chairman.

337. The Western Section and the Eastern Section shall meet annually on or before the third Wednesday in Toronto and Halifax, respectively, when they shall fill up any vacancies that may have occurred in their ranks.

g the year. When vacancies occur in the Annual Conference representation on the Book Committee, by the death of such representative or representatives, the said vacancies shall be filled by the Conference thus affected at the next ensuing Annual Meeting.

18. They shall examine the proceedings of the Executive Committee and the business of each establishment during the preceding year.

19. They shall provide for an annual valuation of the property, machinery, debts and other property, and annually appoint suitable persons to audit the accounts, and prepare a full and clear report to be laid before the Annual Conference, to which they respectively represent.

20. They shall fix the salaries of the Book Steward or Stewards, and Editor or Editors.

21. Each Section shall have authority to suspend either Book Steward or Editor for incompetency or for culpable neglect of the duties of his office, and to supply his place until the next General Conference: *Provided always*, that such suspension shall take place except by the vote of *fourths* of the members of the Section.

22. In case of the death, resignation or permanent disability of a Book Steward or Editor during his term of office, the Section having supervision of the establishment in which such vacancy occurs shall have power to appoint a successor to fill the office until the next General Conference.

23. At the end of each quadrennial term they shall make a correct valuation of the real property, stock, machinery, debts and other property to be made, entering

such property at its actual value, and report to the General Conference.

344. Each Section shall, at the close of the quarter period, carefully review the book and publishing within its jurisdiction of the preceding four years, and prepare a full report of the same to be presented at the next General Conference.

345. A special meeting of the members of either Section, or of the Executive of either Section, may be called by a General Superintendent, or by the Book Steward, or by any three members.

346. All real estate and other property connected with the Book and Printing Establishment in the city of Toronto, and any other that may be acquired within the bounds of the Toronto, London, Hamilton, Bay of Montreal, Manitoba and North-West, British Columbia and Japan Conferences, shall be vested in the Section of the Book Committee and their successors in office, who shall apply all profits not required in the business exclusively for the benefit of the Superannuated Ministers within the bounds of the aforesaid Conferences.

347. All property connected with the Book and Printing Establishment in the city of Halifax, and any other that may be acquired within the bounds of the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland Conferences, shall be vested in the Eastern Section of the Book Committee, and their successors in office, who shall apply all profits not required in the business exclusively for the benefit of the Supernumerary Ministers' Widows' Fund.

Each Section of the Book Committee shall also at meeting, and at each subsequent annual meeting, an Executive Committee, who shall meet half-yearly and review the business of the preceding half-year; and advise and decide in all matters submitted for consideration.

The Executive Committee of the Western Section consist of two members from each of the following places: Toronto, London, Hamilton, Bay of Quinte, Montreal, with the Book Steward and Editors. Six constitute a quorum.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Section consist of *five* members—three of whom shall constitute a quorum—who shall be selected from those members of the Eastern Section residing in the vicinity of the Book Establishment at Halifax.

Each Executive Committee shall appoint its own Treasurer and Secretary, and keep a correct record of the business transacted at its meetings, which shall be submitted to the respective Sections of the Book Committee at each annual meeting.

All books which may be published by order of the Conference, under the direction of any one of the Book Establishments, shall be furnished to the respective Book Establishment at cost.

II. *The Book Stewards.*

The General Conference shall elect by ballot a Book Steward, who shall have charge of the Book and Book Establishment in Toronto, under the direction of the

the Western Section of the Book Committee; and a Book Steward, who shall have charge of the Book Printing Establishment in Halifax, under the direction of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee.

354. It shall be the duty of each Book Steward to purchase all materials and books required for the department under his charge, keeping in view the interests of the Church, and the religious instruction of the members generally. *Nevertheless*, before purchasing plant or materials for improvement, involving unusual expenditure, he shall obtain the consent of the Executive Committee. He shall give the Committee such information as they may require concerning the state of the business, and present a half-yearly statement of the affairs of the establishment to the Executive Committee. He shall also present at the meeting of his Section of the Book Committee a balance sheet exhibiting the financial state of the Book Room and periodicals, together with a cash account showing the sources whence the money has been received for the purposes for which it has been paid.

355. Each Book Steward shall conduct the business of his department in the most efficient and economical manner, and pay over to the Treasurer of the Superior or Supernumerary Fund such proportion of the receipts as the respective Sections of the Book Committee may determine.

III. *The Editors and their Duties.*

356. The General Conference shall elect by ballot an Editor who shall have the editorial management

istian Guardian, and an Editor of the *Canadian Methodist Magazine* and Sabbath School Periodicals, under the direction of the Western Section of the Book Committee; an Editor who shall have the editorial management of *Wesleyan*, under the direction of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee.

57. It shall be the duty of the Editors to make their respective periodicals soundly Scriptural and instructive, to put forth all reasonable efforts to render them the means of promoting right views on social, moral and religious questions, and of stimulating the zeal of our people supporting all our Connexional enterprises.

58. They shall likewise carefully supervise the printing of all books and periodicals published at the respective Book Rooms; and it is required that in all matters affecting the publication of the periodicals, the Book Stewards and Editors shall act in harmony.

59. The Book Stewards and Editors elected by the Annual Conference shall hold office for four years from the date of their election, or from one General Conference to the next, and shall be eligible for re-election; but they shall continue in office, after the appointment of their successors, until the meeting of the Annual Conferences to which they are assigned.

CHAPTER II.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

SECTION I.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I. *Name.*

360. This Society shall be known as "The Mission Society of the Methodist Church."

II. *Object.*

361. The object of the Society is the support and enlargement of the Indian, French, Domestic, Foreign, and other Missions, which are carried on under the direct control of the General Board and the Conferences of the Methodist Church.

III. *Members.*

362. Every person paying annually the sum of Ten Dollars and upward, and every person collecting annually Ten Dollars and upward for this Society, shall be deemed a member, and entitled to a copy of the Annual Report.

IV. *Auxiliary and Branch Societies.*

363. The Methodist Missionary Societies within the bounds of any Annual Conference shall collectively

led "The Auxiliary Missionary Society" of that Conference, and severally shall be entitled "Branch Societies" of each Auxiliary. Every Sunday School shall be a branch of the Conference Auxiliary. Epworth Leagues and other Young People's Associations may form Missionary Societies among their members as branches of the Conference Auxiliary, and students in colleges may organize as here provided.

V. *Treasurers.*

34. Each Annual Conference may appoint a Treasurer, through whom all remittances to or from the General Treasurers may be sent. In case any Annual Conference does not make such an appointment, then all remittances to and from the Mission Rooms shall be made through the Chairman of Districts of such Conference.

The Chairman of the District shall be *ex officio* the Treasurer of all missionary money collected on his District. The Superintendent of a Circuit or Mission shall be Treasurer of the Branch Society of his Circuit or Mission; the Missionary Committee of the Circuit, or the Quarterly Board, if there be no Missionary Committee, at the request of the Superintendent and on his recommendation, appoint a local Missionary Treasurer.

VI. *Remittances.*

35. The money raised on any Circuit or Mission shall be transmitted, as soon as collected, to the Chairman of District, deducting only what has been disbursed for rental and local expenses; and the District Chairman

shall, in turn, remit promptly to the General Treasurer through the Conference Treasurer, or directly, if there be no Conference Treasurer.

VII. *Circuit Lists.*

366. The Superintendent of each Circuit or Mission shall prepare annually, not later than the first day of the Annual District Meeting, a list of all subscribers of Ten Dollars and upward, also the aggregate of all collections and sums under Two Dollars; such lists to be sent without delay to the Conference Treasurer or the Chairman of the District, who shall immediately forward them to the Mission Rooms, together with a statement of the gross receipts, local disbursements and remittances.

VIII. *The General Board.*

367. 1. There shall be a General Missionary Board for the management of the Missionary Fund, which shall meet annually at such time and place as it may appear expedient.

2. The General Board shall be composed of the General Superintendent, the officers of the Society, one minister and one layman from each Annual Conference, elected by ballot by the ministers and laymen of the Annual Conference voting separately, except that the Newfoundland and British Columbia Conferences shall be entitled to one representative each, a minister or a layman, as the Conference may determine, to be elected by the joint vote of the ministers and laymen, together with twelve other persons appointed by the General Conference, who shall continue in office for three years.

ice four years; the Japan Conference to have such representation as is otherwise provided for.

3. The Mission Conference of each Foreign Mission shall have the right to elect one of its members as a representative to the General Board as often as this can be done without incurring the necessity of a journey home for that purpose, or at any time when the General Board or Executive Committee shall authorize such action.

4. The duties and powers of the Board shall be to review the missionary field of the Church at home and abroad; apportion the Missionary funds to the various Conferences and other departments of the work; authorize the erection of mission houses, churches or buildings for educational purposes on other than home missions, and provide for the cost of the same when necessary; select through its responsible officers (after consultation and agreement with annual Conference authorities), missionaries for the Indian and Chinese work, and fix annually the stipends and other allowances for the same; select and appoint missionaries for the foreign fields, and fix a scale of stipends and other allowances for missionaries on each of such foreign fields, such scales to be subject to revision by the General Board at any of its annual sessions; grant furloughs to the missionaries in the foreign field when deemed expedient, recall them permanently if considered necessary; decide when and where new Missions may be opened in the Indian, French, Chinese or foreign fields; select and appoint teachers for our Mission schools, and fix their stipends; select and appoint Principals for the various Indian or other Institutes, and fix their stipends; take

such steps as may be judged expedient to raise or increase the missionary income; pledge, hypothecate or mortgage the property under the control of the said Board when found necessary, as security for moneys obtained from Banks or other sources; and in general oversee and control the Mission work of the Church, in so far as is not provided for in the constitution and powers of the Annual Conferences. The action of the Board in matters within its jurisdiction shall be final.

5. In the appropriations of the General Mission Board during the next quadrennium $42\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the amount appropriated each year shall be given to domestic missions. When an appropriation is made by the General Board to any particular department of the work, or for any special object, the Annual Conference Missionary Committee shall not be at liberty to divert any part of the grant to any other department or object.

6. Vacancies occurring amongst Conference Representatives may be filled by the Special Committee of the Conference affected; vacancies occurring among those appointed by the General Conference may be filled by the Executive Committee, but in case such a vacancy occur during session of the General Conference, it shall be filled by the General Conference.

7. In case any of the twelve members of the Mission Board elected by the General Conference become ineligible after an *ex officio* member of the Missionary Board vacancy is thereby created.

8. In the event of the death or disability of any of the Officers of the Society, the Executive Committee

appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy till the next meeting of the General Board, when such appointment may be confirmed or changed, pending the meeting of the next General Conference.

9. The Executive Committee shall also have authority to suspend any officer of the Missionary Society for incompetence or for culpable neglect of the duties of his office, and supply his place till the next meeting of the General Board, which shall have authority to fill the vacancy till the next General Conference.

IX. *Executive Committee.*

368. A Committee, to be called the Executive Committee, shall be annually appointed by the General Board, consisting of the General Superintendents, the Officers of the Missionary Society, and eighteen other members—nine ministers and nine laymen—a majority of whom shall be members of the General Board, who shall meet at the call of the General Secretary to consider and decide any matters referred to them by the General Board; review correspondence from the Mission field; consider and decide special claims or other accounts; fill vacancies among General Conference representatives on the General Board, or among its own members; and provide, *ad interim*, for any exigencies that may arise between sessions of the General Board. All the proceedings of said Committee shall be entered in a minute book, and reported to the General Board at its next annual meeting.

X. Annual Meeting.

369. An Annual Public Meeting of members and friends of the Society shall be held at the time and place appointed by the General Board, when an abstract of the Annual Report shall be presented, and such religious services held as may be deemed expedient.

XI. General Officers and Their Duties.

370. 1. The General Conference shall appoint a General Secretary, the Associate Secretary, and Treasurers of the Missionary Society, who shall be ex-officio members of the General Board.

2. The duties of the General Secretary shall be chiefly administrative. He shall, previously to each Financial District Meeting, furnish each Chairman of a District Meeting with a schedule to be filled up by said Chairman at the next Financial District Meeting, showing the estimated income and expenditure of each Mission for the support of the pastors and preachers, the amount of missionary grants recommended by the Financial District Meeting, etc., etc., and the schedule shall be forwarded to the General Secretary without delay. From these schedules he shall prepare a tabulated statement for the information of the General Board, in order that its members may intelligently and justly apportion the funds of the Society to the various Conferences, and other parts of the work. He shall also publish the Annual General Report of the Society, and a statement of the income and expenditure.

3. The duty of the Associate Secretary shall be to

to visit as many of our fields as possible, to give information, and to awaken interest and enthusiasm in the mission cause.

4. In the discharge of their duties, the officers of the Society shall act in harmony with the legally appointed courts and officers of the General and Annual Conferences. In case of any emergency arising, that may require prompt action in the matter of supplying any remote Mission, it shall be competent for said officers, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, to request the proper authorities of any Annual Conference to aid them in meeting such emergency, by allowing one of its ministers or probationers to proceed to such Mission.

XII. Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-West.

371. 1. The Superintendent of Missions shall be a member, *ex officio*, of the Stationing Committee and local Missionary Boards of the Conferences within his jurisdiction.

2. He shall travel at large through the Missions and new settlements within the bounds of the Conferences, and report to the respective district meetings, and through them to the Annual Conferences, on the condition and prospects of existing Missions, suggesting changes and the formation of new Missions when, in his judgment, such action is deemed advisable; and he shall have authority, in the absence of the Chairman of the District and the Superintendent of the Circuit or Mission, with the consent of the Superintendent of the Circuit or Mission, to preside

at the Quarterly Official Boards of those Circuits and Missions on which probationers or supplies are stationed.

3. He shall have authority, under the provisions of the Discipline, and after consultation with the President of the Conference and the Chairmen of the Districts affected, to organize new Missions where he deems it necessary, and to secure missionaries from the other Conferences to fill the work. He shall also, when in the Eastern Conference, solicit subscriptions for the Church and Parsonage and Fund, so as to extend the work in the North-West and British Columbia where needed.

4. His salary shall be fixed by the General Board of Missions, and paid, together with his travelling expenses, out of the Mission Fund.

5. He shall be, *ex officio*, one of the members of the Central Board of Missions.

XIII. *Regulations Respecting Home Missions.*

372. 1. The allowance of a Missionary shall be understood as including all the items of a minister's support, such as salary, board, fuel and travelling expenses, but not house rent, horse-keep or hire, or incidentals.

2. The minimum allowance for a married minister on Home Mission shall be \$600 per annum, with a free home; the house to be provided by the mission. For single ordained men the minimum allowance shall be \$350, and for single unordained men, \$300.

3. A special committee of each Annual Conference shall make arrangements for a visitation of Home Mission fields.

a deputation appointed for the purpose, who shall meet the official members, and also the congregations, if they judge it necessary; inquire carefully into the circumstances of the people; point out the injustice of deficiencies under any circumstances, and the still greater wrong inflicted when amounts actually promised are not paid; indicate methods of increasing circuit finances, and after careful consideration name the amount which, in their judgment, the Mission ought to raise, obtaining, if possible, the consent of the officials to the same. A written report shall be presented by the deputation to the ensuing Financial District Meeting, and shall be taken into account in recommending a grant from the Missionary Fund for the ensuing year.

4. When grants to Home Missions are finally determined, the proper authorities shall at once furnish an official statement of such grants to the district chairman concerned, who shall, without delay, notify the superintendents of the Home Missions within his district. The superintendents shall at once notify their Official Boards, that steps may be taken, if necessary, to raise such additional amounts as may be required to pay at least the minimum allowance above indicated.

5. The responsibility of providing the minimum allowance agreed upon, rests primarily with the people upon the mission, and not upon the Missionary Board. Grants from the General Fund are designed to aid, for a time, those fields wherein, owing to the limited numbers and scanty means of the membership, the people are unable to support their own pastor.

6. The General Board may notify Annual Conference authorities, when deemed necessary and advisable, grants to particular missions shall cease, or be continued on a diminishing scale to terminate at a certain period, and when such notice is given the Annual Conference shall take action thereon, which action can only be final upon a three-fourths vote of the Conference, otherwise the recommendation of the General Board shall be accepted.

XIV. *Indian Missions.*

373. 1. The Indian Work in the Manitoba and Northwest Conference, and in the British Columbia Conference shall be entirely under the direction of the General Board of Missions.

2. The General Board shall have exclusive authority

(a) To regulate the number and boundaries of districts in the Indian work.

(b) To designate the number and extent of missions, the number and character of the laborers to be employed thereon.

(c) To submit to the Stationing Committees of the Annual Conferences each year a list of proposed stations in the Indian work—the confirmation of such stations to be with the Annual Conferences according to Discipline.

(d) To nominate chairmen for the Indian districts, the final appointment to be with the Annual Conference according to Discipline.

(e) To recommend to the Annual Conferences candidates, the names of suitable persons to be received as probationers.

in the Indian work, and for ordination for such work. provided that, whenever practicable, this shall be done through the usual channels of Quarterly and District meetings.

(f) To authorize the General Superintendent, when deemed necessary, to issue a license, where it can be legally done, under the Seal of the Church, empowering lay workers on isolated stations to solemnize matrimony and administer the ordinance of baptism, such license to be revocable at the pleasure of the Board, and in any case to be surrendered by the person holding it when he ceases to be employed by the Society. Lay workers so licensed shall not thereby become members of any Annual Conference, nor be entitled to any claim on the Superannuation Fund.

(g) To remove or recall any worker who is found to be unsuitable for an Indian field; and when the worker so removed or recalled is a minister or probationer, to negotiate with any Annual Conference for his employment elsewhere.

XV. *Medical Missionaries.*

374. 1. The employment of Medical Missionaries shall be determined with the General Board, which shall have authority to institute all necessary inquiries, prescribe a preliminary course of study, and provide for all necessary examinations.
2. Medical Missionaries, duly appointed, shall have equal rank with the other missionaries in the field, and their stipends shall be computed on the same scale. Where there is a Mission Council they shall be members thereof, having a voice and vote in all its business.

3. They shall be members of the District Meeting within the bounds of which they are laboring, and the same questions shall be asked respecting them as are asked concerning other missionaries, except those which strictly pertain to the pastoral office, such as recommending probationers for the ministry, their continuance on ordination, or the like.

4. Medical Missionaries, who are or who shall be probationers for the ministry, shall pursue the course of study prescribed in the Discipline, and shall be subject to the same regulations as other probationers. If deemed expedient the General Board may prescribe a four year course of study for Medical Missionaries who are not probationers for the ministry.

5. No Medical Missionary shall be received as a probationer for the ministry by any Annual Conference, or ordained for special purposes, except by request of the General Board or the Executive Committee.

6. Each Medical Missionary who is in receipt of stipend from the Missionary Fund, shall keep an accurate account of all fees received for medical services, and forward a copy of the same through the Mission Council to the Annual District Meeting to the General Board, who shall determine how said fees shall be expended. When hospitals are established the Medical Missionary in charge shall keep a careful account of income from all sources and of expenditure for maintenance and medical supplies. A copy of this account shall appear in the annual financial statement from the mission.

7. Each Medical Missionary shall prepare and for

the Mission Rooms, through the Mission Council or annual District Meeting, a report of his work, whether hospital, dispensary or general practice, showing number and character of cases treated, and any other information that may help the Board to understand the extent and value of the medical work as an adjunct to evangelistic work.

8. It is expected that all Medical Missionaries will keep constantly in view the spiritual needs of their patients, and lose no opportunity of offering Christ, the Great Physician, for their acceptance.

9. The years of service of Medical Missionaries after admission to probation for the ministry shall be accepted *in tanto* in lieu of the years of probation required in the regular work, provided they pass the prescribed course of study.

10. The General Board, at its discretion, shall have power to make provision for Medical Missionaries and their families in case of misfortune, sickness or death.

11. During the ensuing quadrennium the General Board shall have power to adopt, if necessary, additional regulations respecting Medical Missionaries and their work, not inconsistent with the foregoing regulations.

XVI. *Foreign Missions.*

1. OBJECT.

375. The Object of the Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church is to extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by evangelizing, as speedily as possible, self-supporting and self-propagating native churches.

2. MISSION COUNCIL.

376. The missionaries sent by the Methodist Church to any foreign field, when not less than five in number, shall constitute a Mission Council, with powers and duties as hereinafter defined. When there are less than five missionaries in the field, they may act as a committee to make recommendations, but shall not possess the powers of a Council. The Council shall be subject to such regulations as the General Board of Missions may from time to time adopt, provided the same be not *ultra vires* of the powers conferred upon the Board by the Discipline of the Church. Subject to this general restriction, the Council shall have authority :

(a) To elect a Secretary, who shall keep a true record of the proceedings and decisions of the Council. It shall also be his duty to forward to the General Board, or its officers, all resolutions, memorials, recommendations, or other official action of the Council and its Executive, and all official communications intended for the consideration of the Board, except such as pertain to the Treasurer's department, as hereinafter defined. The Superintendent of the Mission shall be Chairman of all meetings of the Council when present. In his absence the Council may elect a Chairman *pro tem*.

(b) The Council, composed of the missionaries and Superintendent, shall meet together at least once a year for mutual consultation respecting the interests of the work on the various fields comprised in the mission.

(c) To appoint an Executive Committee to deal with

matters that may arise in the intervals of Council meetings. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Council the Superintendent shall call a special meeting of the Council.

2) To designate the particular field of each foreign missionary, and to appoint or reappoint him thereto; the department of work—whether educational, evangelistic, or like—to be designated by the General Board. Where there is no organized District Meeting or Annual Conference, the Mission Council shall station the native preachers and other workers.

3) To consult, when deemed necessary or advisable, on matters of common interest, with native pastors who may be appointed by the Annual Conference for the purpose, with the view of maintaining the fullest confidence and harmony between the native and foreign workers.

4) The Council shall meet in joint session, at least once in the year, with the Council of the Woman's Missionary Society, for consultation on matters of common interest, with the view of promoting harmony and co-operation between the agents of the two Societies in the prosecution of their work. If any question arises in regard to which a majority of either Council cannot agree, it may be referred to the Home Boards for final decision, subject to the provisions of Par. 380, Sub-section 2, of the Discipline.

The Executives of the two Councils shall meet in joint session when deemed necessary. A copy of the minutes of all sessions of the Council and Executive, whether joint or otherwise, shall be forwarded promptly to the Mission Boards.

(g) To regulate all matters relating to the proper the Society in harmony with the directions of the General Board; also to appropriate any funds granted by the Board when not specified in detail, but not so as to touch the object of any such grant.

(h) To review the work of each year, revise reports of all parts of the field, prepare and revise estimates for the coming year, and make such recommendations to the General Board from time to time, as they deem expedient.

(i) To plan for the evangelistic work of the foreign missionaries, assigning to each a definite centre of operations with freedom, within limits prescribed by the Council, plan and develop his work, yet not so as to interfere with the disciplinary duties and powers of native pastors or chairmen of districts; provided always that the Council or missionaries shall not multiply fields or agents involving increased expenditure, without the consent of the General Board or Executive Committee. The missionary shall maintain an advisory relation to all the native workers under his Annual Conference in his field, and shall direct all laborers raised up under his own care till the fields are brought under the care of the Annual Conference.

(j) In case of any difference of judgment or conflict of authority arising between a foreign missionary and a native pastor, regarding the arrangement of the work which they cannot adjust, the matter shall be referred to the Superintendent for his decision.

(k) Each foreign missionary shall send in a quarterly report of his work to the Board. He shall also prepare an annual report to the Council, which report may form a basis for the Council's recommendations to the Board.

(l) The Council shall prepare and forward to the General Board, at least annually, a full report of the work and any recommendations touching the same which the Council deems it expedient to make.

(m) All instructions or orders from the General Board to individual missionaries may be communicated either directly or through the Superintendent; but in any case such orders or instructions must also be communicated to the Secretary of the Council, to be laid before the Council for information only, and not for review.

3. *Superintendent, Treasurer and Secretary.*

377. The Superintendent of any foreign mission shall be the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the General Board for such mission, and the Executive of the instructions of the Board in all matters not committed to the Mission Council and its officers by the preceding regulations. He shall be a member of the Mission Council, also of the Stationing Committee of the Annual Conference, and of the Board of all Educational institutions under the control of the General Board within the bounds of the mission.

His duties shall be :

(a) To supervise the entire work of the mission; to confer with and advise the Council respecting the appointment and work of the foreign missionaries, also the Stationing Committee of the Annual Conference respecting the work of the native preachers and evangelists; to advise with the missionaries and native pastors on their fields,

regarding methods of organization and work; matters in dispute between missionaries and natives respecting their work, and between agents of the Board and the Woman's Missionary Society, or the latter to the Home Boards for adjustment; to direct with the concurrence of the Council, new fields to initiate, through the Council or the Conference for promoting self-support; and in general so to direct the work of the mission as to build up the Conference and the work under its care.

(b) As Treasurer for the Board, to take charge of funds sent from the Mission Rooms, rent of mission property, if any, and of income derived by missionaries aside their regular stipends, for teaching in schools like; keep the books and make all necessary receipts connected therewith; disburse the money in his discretion in accordance with the appropriations authorized by the General Board or Executive Committee, and submit to their authority; transmit annually to the Mission Rooms a detailed and audited statement of the work of the mission for the preceding year, also the statement of the Mission Council for the following year.

(c) As Corresponding Secretary of the Board, to report fully to the Board concerning his work as agent, and keep the Board informed of all matters of importance connected with the work; lay promptly before the Council all official communications from the Mission Rooms, and discharge such other duties as the Board may from time to time direct.

In case of the death or disability of the Superintendent,

his absence from the field, the General Board or Executive Committee shall designate one of the foreign missionaries as Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary *pro tem.*, who shall discharge the duties specified in Sub-sections (b) and (c) of the regulations next preceding, except those of superintendency.

The General Conference shall elect the Superintendent of the Japan Missions, and the Superintendent of Missions in China shall be elected by the Board of Missions.

The provisions of Par. 367, Sub-sections 8 and 9, of the Discipline shall apply to the Superintendents of foreign mission fields.

4. MISSION DISTRICT MEETINGS.

378. The constitution and powers of the District Meeting shall be the same as those of the ordinary District, as in Part II., Chap. II., Secs. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Discipline, so far as they can be adapted to the condition of things in the foreign field.

5. MISSION CONFERENCES.

379. 1. When there are fifteen or more ordained ministers on the field, and the General Board or the Executive Committee recommends the step, the missions shall be erected into a Mission Conference, with power to divide into two or more Districts.

2. The constitution of the Mission Conference shall be the same as that of the ordinary Annual Conference, as in Part II., Chap. I., Secs. 4 and 5, of the Discipline, with the following limitations:

(a) The Conference shall not in any way interfere with the administration of the General Board of Missions with the powers and duties of the Mission Council Superintendent of the Mission, as elsewhere defined.

(b) It shall elect representatives to the General Conference and the General Board of Missions only as authorized so to do by the General Board, which shall designate the number of such representatives.

(c) To meet peculiar conditions of the work in the Stationing Committee may appoint a native pastor in the same field for five consecutive years; but any extension beyond this term shall be only by a three-fourths vote of the Stationing Committee, but in no case shall the term exceed seven years.

(d) When a missionary who has been transferred to the Mission Conference in the foreign field, returns to the Home Work, he shall be received and stationed by the Conference from which he was transferred. Nevertheless, it shall be competent for the General Conference to arrange for his transfer into some other Conference when the circumstances, in his opinion, require such a course.

(e) That it shall be the duty of the native churches, districts, pastors and Annual Conferences to co-operate in all possible ways with the missionaries and the Superintendent of the mission.

XVII. *Woman's Missionary Society.*

380. 1. For the more successful prosecution of missionary work of the Church among women, there

organization known as "The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church," to be governed and regulated by its constitution, which may be altered or amended by the General Conference, if so required by the necessities of the work.

2. The Society shall work in harmony with the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, and be subject to their approval in the employment and remuneration of missionaries or other agents, the designation of fields of labor, and in general plans and designs of work.

3. The funds of the Society shall be raised by collections at meetings convened in the interests of Woman's Missionary work, by securing memberships and life-memberships, and by any other plans of collection arranged by the Society, but always in such manner as not to prejudice other funds of the Church.

4. All funds raised for the Society shall be reported by the minister in charge to the Annual Conference; and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the Annual Minutes.

5. Plans for new work by the Woman's Missionary Society or its Council, before being finally decided, shall be laid before the Mission Council of the General Society and receive its approval.

(a) Propositions for new developments or modifications of the work of the Woman's Missionary Society, by any member of the General Mission Council, must first have the approval of said Council, and afterwards be sent specially to the Council of the Woman's Missionary Society for its approval or otherwise.

(b) The Mission Council of the Woman's Missionary Society shall meet in joint session with the General Missionary Society at least once in the consultation in regard to matters of common interest in the view of promoting harmony and co-operation of the agents of both societies.

XVIII. *Collegiate Missionary Society.*

381. 1. Students of any of our Colleges may organize themselves into Societies in affiliation with the Woman's Missionary Society, under the title of Auxiliary Missionary Society, and they shall, respectively, be known as "The Auxiliary Missionary Society of . . . College."

2. For the purpose of the Society as above, they shall have power to frame a constitution not inconsistent with the constitution of the Missionary Society.

3. Such Societies shall work in harmony with the authorities of the Missionary Society; and if at the said Societies should decide to send a missionary to a foreign field, it shall be with the concurrence of the General Board of Missions.

4. They shall, year by year, report their income and expenditure to the General Board of Missions.

SECTION II.

SUPERANNUATION FUND.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SUPERANNUATION FUND.

I. *Name.*

382. The name of this fund shall be "The Superannuation Fund of the Methodist Church."

II. *Object.*

383. The object of this fund shall be to assist in the support of Superannuated Ministers, Ministers' Widows, and Children of deceased Ministers, as hereinafter provided.

III. *Membership.*

384. All ministers and probationers of the Methodist Church in the Toronto, London, Hamilton, Bay of Quinte, Montreal, Manitoba and North-West, British Columbia and Japan Annual Conferences, shall be members of the fund, except—

1. Those who are given a supernumerary relation.
2. Those who are located.
3. Those who have commuted their claims.
4. Those whose claims have expired by limitation.
5. Those who are native ministers in foreign fields.

IV. *Management.*

385. The fund shall be managed by a Board composed of the Treasurers and sixteen other members, eight of whom shall be laymen who are members of the Church.

386. The delegates from the aforesaid Annua-
ences to the General Conference shall meet, u-
presidency of a General Superintendent, or of a
of an Annual Conference designated by him, to
aforesaid Board of Management, and shall report
to the General Conference for information. T-
also nominate one or more persons for the offices
and lay treasurer, respectively; and, from among
nominated, the General Conference shall elect,
the Treasurers of the Fund. The meeting of the
shall be held during the session of the General C-
and previous to the day appointed for the el-
General Conference officers.

387. A General Superintendent shall be
Chairman of the Board; but if no General Super-
be present, the Board shall elect one of its m-
chairman. It shall elect its own secretary. I-
the death, resignation or disqualification of any
member of the Board during the quadrennium,
is authorized to fill the vacancy.

388. The Board shall meet once a year, and s-
full authority to determine, according to the Cor-
By-laws and Regulations of the Fund, the statu-
and allowance of all claimants, and the amo-
allowed in commutation of claims, and to m-
special appropriations as are permitted by the cor-
and to consider and determine all matters conne-
the administration of the fund.

389. An Investment Committee, consistin-
Treasurers and five other members, appointed by t-

under its general direction, invest all the capital. It shall have authority to call special meetings of the Board, and shall, when requested, advise the Treasurer on matters pertaining to the fund.

10. Each Annual Conference shall elect a Conference Treasurer, who shall keep an account with the Financial Secretaries, and make a full report of the returns from the District to the Conference and to the General Treasurers.

V. *Invested Capital.*

11. The invested capital of this fund shall consist of funds held and reported by the Board as invested or pending investment, and of such donations, bequests and gifts as may hereafter be received by the Board, and of such portion of the ministerial subscriptions as may not be required to pay all current claims in full.

VI. *Current Income.*

12. The sources of current income shall be the following:

Interest on invested capital.

Appropriations from the Book and Publishing House.
The annual subscriptions of ministers and probationers.

Contributions from circuits and domestic missions.

Payments by or on behalf of ministers who are not in regular pastorate in lieu of circuit contributions.

13. The annual subscription of each minister and pro-
bationer in the active service of the Church shall be a sum

equal to three per cent. of his salary, as reported in the minutes of the previous year for "salary, board and fuel," but in no case shall his subscription be less than \$15 per annum. The subscriptions shall be paid to the Financial Secretary, one-half at the Financial District Meeting, and the other half at the Annual District Meeting. During probation the subscriptions shall be paid from year to year, in accordance with the credit of years travelled, and shall not be less than four payments for the entire term of probation.

394. Each circuit and domestic mission shall be required to contribute a sum equal to five per cent. of the amount raised and reported to the Conference the previous year for ministerial support and the following Connexional Funds, viz.: The Missionary (general), Superannuation, Educational, General Conference, Contingent, Union Church Relief and Sunday School Aid Funds. The said contribution may be included in the circuit estimates for the year by the Quarterly Official Board, and may be raised by special subscription or otherwise. If the Quarterly Official Board shall fail to make the necessary provision in this behalf, the Superintendent of the Circuit or Mission, as it may be, shall have authority to take collections and subscriptions in the public congregation or congregations to meet the amount payable by the circuit according to the above assessment. The exemption of salary on account of horse keep or hire shall in no case exceed \$60.

395. The General Treasurers shall notify the Chairman of each District of the amount required from each circuit and domestic mission in his District, which assessment

all be subject to revision by the Financial District Meeting, provided that the District shall be responsible for the total amount charged to it. The Superintendent of a Circuit and his colleagues shall be responsible for the payment of the same to the Financial Secretary.

396. There shall be contributed annually, on behalf of each ordained minister in the active service of the Church who is a member of the fund and who is appointed to a position outside the regular pastorate, by the society, department, institution or Conference he serves, or by himself, in lieu of Circuit contribution, a sum equal to the difference between his personal subscription and \$75. This law shall apply to the officers of the General Conference, the Missionary Society, the Educational Society and the Superannuation Fund; to the principals, professors, teachers and agents of our educational institutions; to conference evangelists, and to all ministers appointed by conference to service outside the pastorate.

397. Non-compliance with the provisions of Pars. 393, 394, 395 and 396, by any Circuit, minister or probationer shall be reported specifically by the Chairman of the District to the Annual Conference, and if the Chairman fails to make such report, it shall be the duty of the General Treasurers to proceed against such Chairman, in disciplinary action, for failure to "observe and enforce our discipline."

398. The Missionary Society shall contribute, on behalf of each ordained foreign missionary who is a member of the fund, in lieu of Circuit contribution, the sum of \$70 per annum; and on behalf of each French, Indian or other ordained missionary who is a member of the fund (except domestic missionaries), the sum of \$50 per annum.

VII. *Claimants.*

399. Claimants shall consist of ministers who regularly superannuated by an Annual Conference, ministers' widows and children of deceased ministers, as in case is hereinafter provided.

400. The initiative in the superannuation of a minister or in his restoration to the active work, may be taken by himself, by his Annual District meeting, or by his Annual Conference.

401. Each Annual Conference shall have a Committee on Conference Relations, consisting of the ministerial members of the Superannuation Fund Board in the Conference and seven other ministers appointed by the Conference, to which all cases of superannuation or restoration to active work shall be referred.

402. No superannuated relation shall be granted by an Annual Conference except on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations. The said Committee in making its recommendation shall not take into consideration anything else than the question, "Is the minister recommended for superannuation, or asking for the same, really worn out or temporarily disabled in the ability to do service?" Provided, however, that in case the Committee report adversely, the Conference may, by the vote of a majority less than three-fourths of the ministers present, grant a superannuated relation.

403. The said Committee on Conference Relations shall have power to require a medical examination of the minister recommended for or seeking superannuation, by a

named by itself, who shall make the examination in half of the Annual Conference; nevertheless, this shall apply to ministers of 40 years' standing.

04. A minister who is superannuated, or the payment whose annuity is suspended, or who is restored to the active work, by the regular action of his Annual Conference, shall have no option but to accept the decision of the conference.

05. A minister who is superannuated for one year only, as a matter of course, return to the active work at the end of that term; if, however, a superannuated relation is then recommended by the Annual District Meeting, the case shall go before the Committee on Conference Relations and be dealt with on its merits.

06. A widow, whose husband was permanently superannuated at the time of their marriage, shall have no claim on this fund, unless an annuitant at the time of her marriage, in which case the former annuity shall be revived.

07. A widow fifteen years younger than her husband, and married after he was fifty-five years of age, shall not be paid any annuity, except at the discretion of the Board.

08. The widows of all ministers who were superannuated prior to 1883, after having travelled fifteen years upwards, shall be entitled to the same protection as was granted to their husbands by the Basis of Union.

09. A superannuated minister, who is suspended by the Annual Conference, shall receive no annuity from the fund for the period of suspension.

VIII. *Computation of Annuities.*

410. The computation of annuities shall be based on the number of years spent in the active service of the Church on circuits or missions, or in the interests of any department, society or corporation within the Methodist Church, by the appointment of the General or an Annual Conference.

411. The period for computing a minister's annuity shall commence from the time of his being received on probation; nevertheless a year of service rendered under the direction of a chairman and allowed by a Conference shall be counted, but not more than four years shall be credited to the term of probation.

412. The period for computing the annuity of a minister received from another Church shall commence from the time of his reception into our work.

413. The period for computing the annuities of those ministers who failed to "level up," as *per* the Basis of Union, shall commence with June 1st, 1884.

414. A superannuated minister, whose claim has expired by limitation, or who has commuted his claim and is restored to the active service, shall have a subsequent claim only for services rendered after such restoration. The same rule shall apply to located ministers who are restored to active work.

415. A minister regularly transferred to a Conference of the Eastern Section of the Methodist Church shall retain, in connection with this fund, the standing that he acquired previous to his transfer, and on superannuation

shall be paid such a sum annually as shall be equal to such fraction of the amount which he would be entitled to receive for total years of service under this constitution, as may be determined by the proportion of years travelled in the Western Section ; and if, when given a superannuated relation, his total years of service would entitle him under this constitution to an annuity during his natural life, that part of his annuity, payable by this fund, shall be payable during his life.

416. A minister of one of the Conferences of the Eastern Section of the Methodist Church, who is regularly transferred to a Conference of the Western Section, in the event of superannuation, shall be paid such a sum annually as shall be equal to such fraction of the amount which he would be entitled to receive for total years of service under this constitution, as may be determined by the proportion of years travelled in the Western Section of the Church ; and if, when given a superannuated relation, his total years of service would entitle him under this constitution to an annuity during his natural life, that part of his annuity, payable by this fund, shall be payable during his life.

IX. *Scale of Annuities.*

417. A superannuated minister shall receive from the fund an annuity according to the following scale, payment to continue as many years as he shall have rendered effective service. Nevertheless, if he shall have rendered twenty-three years of service, the payment shall continue during his natural life ; provided, in every case, his relation as a superannuated minister be continued :

For 5 years' service	-	-	-	-	-	\$25 00
" 6 " "	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
" 7 " "	-	-	-	-	-	35 00
" 8 " "	-	-	-	-	-	40 00
" 9 " "	-	-	-	-	-	45 00
" 10 " "	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
" 11 " "	-	-	-	-	-	55 00
" 12 " "	-	-	-	-	-	60 00
" 13 " "	-	-	-	-	-	65 00
" 14 " "	-	-	-	-	-	70 00
" 15 " "	-	-	-	-	-	75 00
" 16 " "	-	-	-	-	-	80 00
" 17 " "	-	-	-	-	-	85 00
" 18 " "	-	-	-	-	-	90 00
" 19 " "	-	-	-	-	-	95 00
" 20 " "	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
" 21 " "	-	-	-	-	-	105 00
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" 23 " "	-	-	-	-	-	115 00
" 24 " "	-	-	-	-	-	120 00
" 25 " "	-	-	-	-	-	125 00
" 26 " "	-	-	-	-	-	130 00
" 27 " "	-	-	-	-	-	135 00
" 28 " "	-	-	-	-	-	140 00
" 29 " "	-	-	-	-	-	145 00
" 30 " "	-	-	-	-	-	150 00
or upwards, \$10 for each such year.						

418. All superannuated ministers and widows who were annuitants in September, 1890, shall continue to receive annuities according to the scale of 1886, and for the number of years therein provided.

419. Widows of ministers, being members of the Methodist Church, shall receive two-thirds of the amount the husbands would have received, and for the same term of years.

420. If the claims upon the fund for any year shall exceed the income for the year, the Board may direct the assurers to deduct from each annuity such a sum as shall be equal to a *pro rata* share of such a deficiency.

421. Each child of a deceased minister, if such child is born after its father was received into full Connexion with the Conference, shall receive an annuity of \$20 up to sixteen years of age. If a deceased minister leave no dominant widow, but leaves a child or children unprovided for, even though beyond 16 years of age, the Board may make provision for their support beyond the ordinary children's annuity, but such provision shall not exceed a sum equal to two-thirds of the annuity to which their father would have been entitled. The Chairman of the district, if necessary, shall make special arrangements for the administration of such allowances.

X. Commutation of Annuities.

422. A minister who, on superannuation, in the judgment of his Conference, is laid aside from the work of the ministry, from causes which do not disqualify him for secular business, may be recommended by such Conference to the Board for the commutation of his annuity.

423. The relation of each superannuated minister of less than twenty-three years' standing, at the close of the third year of his superannuation, shall be brought under review by his Annual Conference. If there is little hope of restoration to the active work of the ministry, and the cause be such as does not disqualify him for secular business, the Conference may recommend the suspension of the

payment of his annuity. The Board of Management shall have power to act on such recommendation, and the decision of the Board in such matters shall be final.

424. It shall be the duty of the Board to call the attention of the Annual Conferences to the relation of all claimants of less than twenty-three years' standing, at the close of the third year of their superannuation, and also to all other cases with regard to which a review may be deemed expedient.

425. The minimum allowance in the commutation of an annuity shall be an amount equal to the sum of the claimant's personal subscriptions to the fund, with four per cent. compound interest on the same, and, in addition, \$10 for each year of post-probationary service.

426. The maximum allowance in the commutation of an annuity shall be equal to the aforesaid sum of a claimant's personal subscriptions, with compound interest at four per cent., and, in addition, \$20 for each year of post-probationary service; provided, however, that the total amount paid in commutation of a claim shall in no case be more than \$2,000.

427. The Board, in determining the sum of a claimant's personal subscriptions, shall reckon \$10 for each year of service prior to the year 1883-4, and \$12 from that year to the year 1894-5, and for each subsequent year the sum credited shall be as per Article VI. of this Constitution. If the claimant has received one or more annual payments from the fund, an amount equal to not less than one-half the sum of such payments shall be deducted from the allowance.

428. The Board, in determining the allowance in the commutation of an annuity, shall take into consideration reversionary interests, also the age, health and probable longevity of the beneficiaries, and shall pay the maximum allowance only when the claimant's wife is living, and when there is also a strong probability of both parties reaching their expectancy.

429. The Board shall have authority to commute an annuity only on the recommendation of an Annual Conference; but in any case recommended for commutation, it shall be optional with the Board either to commute the annuity or not, as it may deem expedient; and it shall be optional with a superannuated minister, who has a standing of twenty-three years or upwards, whether he shall accept commutation or not, but in all other cases the decision of the Board shall be binding on the minister concerned.

430. The commutation of an annuity shall, in all cases, cancel the reversionary interest of a claimant's wife and children.

XI. Refunds.

431. A minister who is located, and who has rendered less than twenty-three years' service, thereby ceases to be a member of the fund, and shall have his annual subscriptions refunded with six per cent. simple interest; if he has rendered twenty-three or more years of service his interest in the Fund shall be commuted by the Board on the scale hereinbefore provided.

432. In all other cases, when a member of the Church is to be a minister or probationer of the M. Church, he shall have one-half the amount of his subscriptions refunded: nevertheless, if he is a licensed minister, the sum of the payments he has made shall be deducted from the sum of his annual contributions, and the balance only, if any, shall be refunded.

433. In the refunding of subscriptions, the Treasurers shall ascertain whether any loans that may have been granted the applicant by the Educational Society have been repaid. If such loans have not been repaid, no refund of subscriptions shall be made until a certificate of repayment is furnished. The Treasurers shall be authorized to protect the Book and Publishing House in this manner.

XII. Regulations.

434. The Secretary of each Annual Conference shall, immediately on the rising of the same, and on behalf of the Board, shall furnish the Treasurer with a certified statement containing:

1. The name and date of birth of each preacher on trial.
2. The name and date of birth of any minister from another Church.
3. The name and latest P.O. address of each minister or minister's widow that has died during the year, and of claimant children.
4. The names and addresses of those who have a superannuated relation.

names of superannuated ministers who are re-
ed to commute their claims.

names of ministers who are located, made super-
es, dropped, suspended or deposed from the

names of superannuated, supernumerary, located
ded ministers restored to the active work.

names of ministers left without an appointment
own request.

name of the Conference Treasurer of this fund.

ie amounts raised on each charge for ministerial
and for the funds forming the basis of circuit
ment, as per Article VI.; also the amount paid
ister and probationer, from all sources, for "salary,
d fuel."

A superannuated minister who changes his place
ice shall notify the Treasurers, and also the Presi-
his Annual Conference, of such change within
ys thereof.

The names of subscribers of \$5, or more, annually
nd, shall be printed in the minutes of the Annual
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SECTION III.

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS'
WIDOWS' FUND.

CONSTITUTION.

I. *Name.*

437. This fund, heretofore known as "The numerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund Conference of Eastern British America," shall henceforth be designated, "The Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund of the Methodist Church," embracing the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and the Bermudas.

II. *Membership.*

438. All members of the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland Annual Conferences, complying with Article IV. of the Constitution, shall be members of this fund.

III. *Management.*

439. The representatives of the aforesaid Annual Conferences to the General Conferences shall, at each session during the session of each General Conference, at a meeting summoned not later than the sixth day of the Session of the General Conference, by a General Superintendent

which a General Superintendent or a President of one of the Annual Conferences concerned shall preside, to consider the affairs of this fund, elect by ballot one or more persons General Treasurer or Treasurers of the fund.

440. It shall be the duty of the Treasurers to collect and disburse from year to year all the moneys constituting the Current Income," according to the provisions of the Constitution, and in any case in which there are, or shall hereafter be, arrears of payments due by ministers who are members of the fund, it shall be the duty of the Treasurers to report such cases to the General Committee, which shall thereupon take such steps as may be necessary to collect said arrears, with interest at the rate of six per cent., compounded annually; nevertheless, in the case of any such arrears existing at the date of passage of this amended article of the Constitution, it shall be competent to the General Committee, when the interests of the fund appear to demand it, to compromise with the parties concerned by accepting payment for a less number of years than are due (with interest as above for the number of years accepted), or to cancel the full amount of the arrears and interest. In every such case it shall not be competent to the General Committee to allow, in respect to such arrears paid for, a greater number of years' claims on the fund than that to which said payments would entitle the parties under the Constitution, as provided in Par. 462; and, further, it is enacted, in the case of any members of the fund who have been in arrears as above, and have for any term of years been on the list of supernumeraries, or who may now be on said list, or in the case of any widows

now on the list of claimants, or who may have been list, that they shall not have a claim for payment number of years for which during the time the supernumerary claimants they did not receive allowance account of the fact that they were then in arrears payments to the Fund.

441. It shall be the duty of the Treasurers to attend and present at each of the meetings of the General Committee a particular account, duly audited, of all the business transacted for the fund during the previous Conference year.

442. The Treasurers, so elected, are to hold office for four years, or until their successors are appointed, one or both should die, or resign, or become, in the judgment of the General Committee, disqualified for the discharge of the duties of the office. In any such case, it shall be the duty of the General Committee to elect another person or persons to fill the vacant place or places until the meeting of the General Conference.

443. *The General Committee* of this fund shall consist of eight members, viz.: The two General Treasurers and six other persons, that is, one minister and one layman to be appointed annually from and by each of the said Conferences.

444. This Committee, so constituted, shall meet annually, at the call of the General Treasurers, and five members shall constitute a *quorum* for the transaction of business.

445. It shall be the duty of this Committee, at its annual meetings, to examine carefully the reports

surers, and of the Investment Committee, of all the business transacted for the fund, and to cause a full report of the results of such examination to be prepared for presentation to each of the Conferences interested, at its next annual meeting; also, a report, embodying a summary of the business of the four years, to be laid before the next triennial meeting of the representatives of the three conferences aforesaid.

A special meeting of the Committee shall be summoned in the event of the death or disability of one of the General Surors, by the surviving one, and in case of emergency, by the call of four of the members of the General Committee. At such meeting, any business may be transacted that any annual Meeting is competent to do.

16. The Treasurers, together with *three* other persons, chosen by the General Committee, shall constitute an *Investment Committee*, which, under direction of the General Committee, shall have the management of the capital stock of the fund.

The General Committee, at its annual meeting, shall appoint an Audit Committee of two persons for the ensuing year.

17. Each Conference named in Article II. shall appoint annually a *Conference Committee* composed of its members in the General Committee and *six* other persons, half of whom shall be ministers and the other half laymen.

Each Conference Committee shall appoint its own chairman, and it shall be the duty of said Committee to report after the interests of the fund in the Conference by which it is appointed, especially to examine the returns

from the several Districts, to ascertain whether due attention has been given on all the Circuits to secure, in the different modes prescribed in this Constitution, the proper income for the fund, and to call the attention of the Conference to any cases of apparent negligence. No application for a supernumerary relation shall be granted by the Annual Conference, except on recommendation of a Committee on Conference Relations, consisting of seven members elected by the Conference in ministerial session, in which such application shall be referred; and this Committee and the Conference, in making their decisions, shall not take into consideration anything else than the question, namely, "Is the applicant physically or mentally unfitted for the itinerant service?"

448. Each Conference shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer of the aforesaid Committee, whose duty it shall be to receive all ministerial payments and moneys collected in the Circuits, and generally as representative of the General Treasurer, to transact any business of a financial nature connected with this fund in his Conference, and to account for the same to the General Treasurers; also to present each year to Conference an abstract of the current income and capital stock accounts, as prepared by the General Committee, and to have printed in the Annual Minutes full and complete list of all ministerial payments, as well as lists of other subscriptions and donations of two dollars and upwards from the Circuits.

449. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer of each Conference Committee to receive all the moneys collected in his Conference for the fund, and to account

449. Laymen right to vote on matters pertaining to raising money for the fund

After 40 yrs. need not apply before Com. on Conf. Relations (1902)

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same to the General Treasurers; and also to prepare each year an abstract of the accounts of the current income of the capital stock, as reported by the General Committee, together with a list of the ministers' subscriptions, of other subscriptions and donations of *two dollars* and upwards on the Circuits, to be published in the Minutes of several Conferences.

IV. *Current Income.*

450. Every member of the before-named Annual Conferences, not being a Supernumerary, shall be required to make a subscription of *twelve dollars* annually, in advance, at the time of the District Meeting; nevertheless, this shall be held to permit any minister who is a supernumerary or has leave of absence from his Conference to pay for such time as he is a supernumerary or has leave of absence, one-sixth of the annual subscriptions of ministers and probationers shall be added to Capital Stock Fund from year to year.

451. Probationers shall pay the annual subscription for the period of their probation, either in advance from year to year, or by one equivalent payment at the end of their probation.

452. The Annual Conferences of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island shall be obligated to raise for the fund at the rate of not less than ten cents per member, including persons on trial, the number of members reported to each General Conference to form the basis of calculation for each year of the following quadrennium. X Each Annual Conference shall apportion the

at least \$4600.00 annually
 N.S. \$2000.00 N.B. & P.E.I. \$1750.00

amount required on this basis among the Districts, and the Financial District Meeting shall apportion the amount required of the District among the Circuits. Each Superintendent of a Circuit shall be held responsible by the Annual District Meeting for the amount apportioned to his Circuit by the preceding Financial District Meeting.

While the Conference of Newfoundland is not obligated to raise at present the amount of ten cents per member, it is expected that the Conference will approximate as closely as possible to the foregoing scale of contribution.

453. Every minister shall, at the first quarterly meeting of the classes, after Conference, explain the necessity and reasonableness of the claims of this fund upon the justice and liberality of our Church. He shall inquire of each member what sum he or she is willing to subscribe, and shall enter the respective sums in the book, and it shall be the duty of the class leader to collect these, and also subscriptions from the members absent at the time of visitation, and to pay the amount to the Superintendent of the Circuit.

454. An *Annual Collection*, in aid of this fund, shall be made in all the churches and other preaching places the month of December, and private application shall be made by the minister to friends, on each Circuit for subscriptions and donations.

455. Five-sixths of the subscriptions of ministers and probationers, the Circuit contributions, the interest on capital stock, and the amount received from year to year from the Missionary Society, shall constitute the income for each year available for the payment of the claims.

V. *Capital Stock.*

456. The *capital stock* of this fund shall consist of the amount now reported by the Treasurers as constituting the present capital stock and all sums hereafter received as legacies ; payments received under Article VI., the excess of current income above current claims in any year ; and one-sixth of the amount of the payments of ministers and probationers.

VI. *Claimants.*

457. Any minister being a member of this fund, on becoming a Supernumerary, except as hereinafter provided, shall have a claim on the current income as long as he shall remain a Supernumerary in connection with either of the conferences specified in Article II. for an annuity equal to the sum of ten dollars for each annual subscription which he shall have previously paid to the fund.

458. A widow of any minister having been a member of this fund, except as hereinafter provided, shall, so long as she shall remain his widow, have a claim upon the current income for an annuity equal to one-half the claim of her deceased husband ; provided, however, that if the wife of any member of the fund shall die, and he should marry again, he must, in order to entitle his new wife to such an annuity, pay *five dollars* a year additional for each year of his connection with this fund previous to his marriage ; otherwise her claim shall be considered as commencing only at the time of her marriage. The widows of supernumerary ministers, who have never been in Circuit work with their husbands, shall have no claim.

459. Any claim upon this fund based upon not than *ten years'* subscriptions thereto shall not contain more years than the number of the annual subscriptions which constitute its basis; but the claims of ministers transferred to or from any other Conference of the Methodist Church who shall have paid subscriptions to the Superannuation Fund of the Western Conferences, to this Supernumerary Fund, and whose annual subscriptions to the two funds shall, together, be more than *ten*, shall not be subject to the limitations of the foregoing clause. Neither shall this limitation apply to ministers received into full Connexion at or before the Annual Conference of 1882.

460. Any minister of the Conferences specified in Article II., being a member of this fund, who shall be transferred to any other Conference of the Methodist Church, may retain the standing in connection with the fund which he had acquired previous to his transfer.

461. It is provided always that, when in any year the current income shall be insufficient to meet the claims of that year in full, such claims shall be proportionately reduced by one equal percentage from all.

462. Any person who, by withdrawal, location, resignation, or in any other way, shall cease to be a member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, may be repaid by the General Committee on the recommendation of his Annual Conference from the capital stock of the fund the amount of his annual subscriptions; provided always that it shall be lawful for the General Treasurer to pay to the parties properly authorized to receive

amounts due by the party or parties claiming repayment, to the Book Room of the Eastern Section of the Methodist Church or to that of the Western Section, or to

Fund of the Methodist Church, and the receipt of the mentioned properly authorized parties shall be a sufficient discharge as against the claimant or claimants as aforesaid. The General Committee may, upon the recommendation of the Annual Conference, commute with such ministers as may be Supernumeraries from causes which do not disqualify them for secular business, by payment of such sums as may be mutually agreed upon, instead of allowing them to become permanent claimants upon the Supernumerary Fund.

VII. *Change in Constitution.*

463. No change shall be made in this Constitution until notice thereof shall have been given to the General Committee, whose duty it shall be to report all such notices to each of the three Annual Conferences interested; and then, unless the proposed change or changes shall have been concurred in by two-thirds of the members of the said present and voting thereon in the said three Conferences, the number of the contents and non-contents being carefully taken and put upon record in the Journal of each of the said Conferences, and shall be certified by the President and Secretary of each Conference to the next meeting of the General Committee. When the aggregate required number of *two-thirds* of all the members voting in the three Conferences shall be found to have

been given in favor of the proposed change or change shall be the duty of the General Committee so to report the representatives of the aforesaid three Annual Conferences to the next ensuing General Conference, in order that the said proposed and requested change or change may be confirmed by the General Conference.

SECTION IV.

GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND.

CONSTITUTION.

I. *Name.*

464. The name of this Fund shall be "The General Conference Fund of the Methodist Church."

II. *Object.*

465. The object of this Fund shall be to provide for

1. Salary, office and travelling expenses of the General Superintendent.
2. Expenses of Standing Committees and Boards of General Conference not otherwise provided for.
3. Expenses of Fraternal Delegates appointed by General Conference.
4. Travelling expenses of delegates to General Conference.
5. Other necessary expenses incident to the meeting of General Conference.
6. Payment of General Conference indebtedness.

III. *Income.*

166. The sources of income shall be from the following annual apportionments for the next quadrennium, and if the same shall have been altered or amended by General Conference :

Toronto Conference	\$1,500
London Conference.....	1,200
Hamilton Conference.....	1,450
Bay of Quinte Conference.....	1,000
Montreal Conference	1,450
Manitoba Conference	450
British Columbia Conference	150
Nova Scotia Conference.....	375
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference	300
Newfoundland Conference.....	125
	\$8,000

These amounts shall be apportioned to the several Circuits upon the same basis and manner as now adopted on behalf of the Superannuation Fund in the Western Conferences, and at the May District Meeting it shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to collect the amount from each circuit or mission, and remit the same to the Treasurer of this Fund immediately thereafter.

The above provisions shall not take effect till the next meeting of the Annual Conferences.

IV. *Management.*

167. The management of this Fund shall be vested in a board consisting of five persons, three laymen and two

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ministers; one of whom shall be the Treasurer, to be elected quadrennially by the General Conference.

V. *Audit.*

468. The Board shall provide for a careful audit, by competent persons, of the accounts of the Fund; and shall publish the certificate of said auditors in connection with annual and other statements.

VI. *Vacancies.*

469. The Board of Management shall fill any vacancy that may occur in the Board during the quadrennium.

Regulation re Billeting.

470. The members of the General Conference, not paying for themselves at boarding-houses or hotels, shall pay to the Treasurer of the Billeting Committee the sum of \$ each, to provide a fund for billeting delegates.

SECTION V.

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AID FUND.

CONSTITUTION.

I. *Name.*

471. The fund shall be known as "The Church and Parsonage Aid Fund of the Methodist Church;" notwithstanding, the Nova Scotia Conference is allowed to maintain its own Church and Parsonage Aid Fund.

II. *Object.*

72. The object of the fund shall be to aid in the erection of churches and parsonages, on sites held in trust under our Model Deed, on the Stations, Circuits or Missions of the Methodist Church, and the reduction of debts upon the same, by means of loans at low rates of interest, on such conditions as will secure the earliest possible extinction of all liabilities upon the property aided.

III. *Management.*

73. The management of the fund shall be vested in a board of nine Directors (a majority of whom shall be laymen), to be elected quadrennially by the General Conference. The Board shall have authority :

To make loans to Trustee Boards of churches or parsonages, in harmony with the objects set forth in the constitution, and the general regulations hereinafter mentioned.

To receive moneys on deposit at low rates of interest for the purposes of the fund.

To institute proceedings, when necessary ; to foreclose mortgages and recover loans or interest when due.

To sell, assign, or otherwise dispose of mortgages and securities.

To employ such assistance as it may deem necessary for the correct keeping of the accounts and the prompt and accurate transaction of the business connected with the fund.

To fill any vacancy that may occur in the Board or among its officers during the quadrennium.

7. And generally to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of the Constitution, and the general objects of the fund.

IV. *Capital.*

474. The capital of the fund shall consist of :

1. Moneys or securities now belonging to the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund for the North-West.

2. Moneys or securities now belonging to any Church Parsonage Aid Fund in any of the Annual Conferences subject to the consent of said Conferences.

3. Legacies or donations that have been or shall hereafter be made for the objects contemplated by the fund.

4. Moneys received on deposit.

Application of Revenue.

475. Revenues arising from interest on loans and other sources shall be applied :

1. To the payment of interest on deposits.

2. To the payment of necessary expenses of management.

3. The balance, if any, shall be carried to a Sink Fund for the repayment of deposits.

NOTE.—Interest from loans of the Aylesworth legacy goes to the Missionary Fund, according to the terms of the bequest.

VI. *Reports.*

476. The Directors shall publish an Annual Statement for the information of the Conferences and the Connection generally, and they shall present a Quadrennial Report to the General Conference, covering the business of the

ceeding years, and showing the condition of the fund at the close of the last financial year.

VII. *Audit.*

477. The Board shall provide for a careful audit, by competent persons, of the accounts of the fund; and shall publish the certificate of said auditors in connection with the Annual Statements.

VIII. *Regulations.*

478. The following regulations shall be observed in regard to loans.

1. No officer or director connected with the fund shall be a borrower from the fund in any circumstances.
2. The fund shall be used for loan purposes only, and free grants shall be made in any circumstances.
3. No loan shall exceed forty per cent. of the estimated annual cash value of the property.
4. Loans shall be made on security of first mortgage on unencumbered property held under our Model Deed, with assignment of Insurance Policy for amount equal to the loan, and the personal obligation of the Trustees as collateral. Where circumstances render it necessary the directors may accept the personal obligation of the Trustees in lieu of a mortgage, in which case the Trustees shall give a bond for a mortgage as soon as a deed is secured.
5. All applications for loans in the North-West must be endorsed by the Superintendent of Missions, in addition to the Quarterly Board, the Superintendent of the Circuit

and the Chairman of the District; but in territories where there is no Superintendent of Missions, applications for loans must be endorsed by the Quarterly Board, Superintendent of the Circuit and the Chairman of the District.

6. It shall be a distinct condition of each loan that property is not otherwise encumbered, and that no encumbrance will be put upon it without the consent of the Directors, in writing, first obtained.

7. Loans may be made repayable, if judged expedient, in annual or semi-annual instalments, covering both principal and interest.

8. Interest on loans shall not exceed six per cent. annum, and shall be payable half-yearly.

9. The Directors shall not be at liberty to relinquish or modify the claims of the fund for either principal or interest of loans.

10. Persons who may bequeath or donate to the fund a sum of \$1,000 or upward shall be at liberty to fix the rate of interest at which such sum shall be loaned (provided the rate be not higher than that fixed by the regulations governing loans); and shall also be at liberty to specify other conditions as may seem to them desirable, provided they do not contravene the purpose for which the fund was established. When any such donation is accepted by the Directors, it shall be carried to a distinct and separate account, which shall bear such name as the donor may desire, and shall so appear in the annual statements of the fund.

11. The Treasurer of the Superannuation Fund shall be the Treasurer of this Fund.

SECTION VI.

THE UNION CHURCH RELIEF FUND.

CONSTITUTION.

I. *Name.*

29. The fund shall be known as "The Union Church of Fund."

II. *Object.*

30. The object of the fund is to relieve only such churches as have become embarrassed through the Union. The churches to receive aid from this fund shall be fixed as follows :

Churches that have lost their constituency and have respect of regaining it, and in cases where the property been sold or is to be sold, the Trustees are still embarrassed with the debt thereon, with no assets, or with insufficient assets to meet their liabilities.

Churches that are too weak to meet their liabilities, therefore require assistance for a time in the payment of interest thereon.

III. *Income.*

31. The income of the fund shall be obtained from collections and subscriptions which shall be taken in all the congregations of our Church, in the month of October in each year, for the next four years.

IV. *Management.*

482. The fund shall be managed by a Committee pointed by the General Conference, whose duty it shall be to investigate all applications for aid, and decide on them, and disburse the funds at its disposal according to the provisions of Article II.

SECTION VII.

THE CONTINGENT FUND.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CONTINGENT FUND.

I. *Name.*

483. Each Annual Conference shall have a Contingent Fund, to be called "The Contingent Fund of the Methodist Church."

II. *Object.*

484. The object of this fund shall be :

1. To relieve cases of special affliction and to defray extraordinary expenses incurred in the services of the Church.

2. The surplus, if any, shall be used for such objects as each Conference may define.

III. *Sources of Income.*

5. The sources of income shall be :

Collections to be taken up on all Circuits.

The public collections taken up at each Annual Conference.

IV. *Committee.*

6. Each Annual Conference shall elect seven ministers and seven laymen, who shall be the Contingent Fund Committee for such Conference. It shall be the duty of the committee to consider all claims properly presented to it and appropriate all the funds placed at its disposal to proper objects, as directed by the Conference.

7. Each Annual Conference shall provide such regulations in reference to this fund, in accordance with the existing provisions as it may deem necessary.

SECTION VIII.

THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

8. Each Annual Conference may have a Children's Fund under its own control and management, subject to the following conditions and restrictions :

The revenue of any such fund shall be raised by such amount of assessment as each Annual Conference may, in its discretion, consider best.

2. The Children's Fund Committee of the Annual Conference shall have the power to exempt any Mission from the assessment for this fund upon recommendation of the Annual Conference.

3. The amount payable to each child until eight of age shall be not more than twenty-five dollars per annum and if in any case the fund shall not be sufficient to pay the full amount, it shall be divided *pro rata* according to the amount at the disposal of the Conference.

4. The claims of children whose fathers are employed in the French or Indian Missions shall be paid by the same Society; provided that no missionary shall receive an allowance from this fund who receives \$600 or more from all other sources. And the same regulations shall apply to all ministers.

5. No such claims shall be paid out of the Mission Fund in any Conference where the Children's Fund is not maintained or discontinued.

6. The claimants on this fund shall be: (a) The children of Superannuated Ministers, such as were born while their fathers were in the active work; (b) The children of ministers in the active work as receive less than \$600 per annum from all other sources.

7. The Children's Fund of the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland Conferences may be continued on the same basis as the same regulations as have previously existed in the same Conferences, or according to such rules and regulations as they may deem best.

SECTION IX.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

. Each of the Annual Conferences may have a Sustentation Fund. The government of such fund, and also the control and management of its income, shall be left to the several Annual Conferences.

1. The object of this fund shall be to secure salaries of not more than \$750 for ordained married ministers; \$400 for unmarried ministers, and \$350 for probationers.

SECTION X.

TEMPERANCE WORK.

. There shall be a Standing Committee on Temperance Prohibition and Moral Reform, appointed by the Annual Conference, and divided into groups representing the different sections of the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland. It shall be the duty of the several groups to promote the interest of the temperance reform within their respective jurisdictions under the principles laid down by the General Conference; and it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to lend them all possible aid, to promote the temperance reformation and all moral reforms by all proper means throughout the Dominion.

2. A public Temperance Meeting shall be held annually in each of our Circuits and Missions at the discretion

of the superintendent minister, at which a sermon (perance or addresses on that subject shall be delivered a collection taken to defray the expenses of our temperance work. This may be done on a Sunday set apart for that purpose, to be called Temperance Sunday. The collections are to be forwarded to the Financial Secretary, or, if he is absent, to the Treasurer of the General Conference Synodical Committee.

493. The question of Temperance shall be made the subject of exhortation and prayer, as may be profitable and necessary in our week-evening services.

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THE RITUAL.

I.

ORDER OF BAPTISM.

4. 1. THE MINISTRATION OF BAPTISM TO INFANTS.

Minister coming to the font, which is to be filled with pure water, shall use the following, or some other exhortation suitable to sacred office.

EARLY BELOVED: Forasmuch as all men are conceived born in sin, and that our Saviour Christ saith, "Ex-man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God;" I beseech you to call God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of His bounteous mercy, redeemed *this child* by the blood of His Son, He will grant that *he*, being baptized with water, may also be baptized with the Holy Ghost, be received into Christ's Holy Church, and become a *lively member* of the same.

Then shall the Minister say,—Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who of Thy great mercy save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water; and also didst safely lead the children of Israel, Thy people, through the Red Sea, figuring thereby Thy

Holy Baptism; and hast set apart water for this Holy Sacrament; and hast condescended to enter into gracious covenant with man, wherein Thou hast included children as partakers of its benefits, declaring that "of such is the Kingdom of heaven;" we beseech Thee for Thine infinite mercies that Thou wilt look upon *this child*; wash *him*, and sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost; that *he*, being saved by Thy grace, may be received into the ark of Christ's Church, and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *he* may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with Thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

O merciful God, grant that the old Adam in *this child* may be so buried that the new man may be raised up in *him*. AMEN.

Grant that all carnal affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him*. AMEN.

Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. AMEN.

Grant that whoever is dedicated to Thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded through Thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. AMEN.

Almighty, ever-living God, whose most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did out of His most precious side both water and blood.

commandment to His disciples that they should go and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ; regard, we beseech Thee, our supplications ; and grant that *this child*, to be baptized, may receive the fulness of Thy grace, and be found at last in the number of Thy faithful and obedient children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

shall the people stand up, and the Minister shall read one or more of the following portions of Scripture :

Hear the word of the Lord written in the Book of Genesis (chap. xvii. 7) :

And I will establish my covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generation for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

The Apostle Peter declares (Acts ii. 39) : The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even unto us.

The Apostle Paul likewise saith in the Epistle to the Galatians (chap. iii. 13, 14, 29) : Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us : for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree : that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ. And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The Lord hath by His servant Ezekiel (chap. xxxvi. 25) said, Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean : from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Hear also the words of the Gospel written by St. Mark in the tenth chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse:

They brought young children to Him, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

Then may the Minister say,

DEARLY BELOVED: Forasmuch as this child is now presented by you for Christian baptism, you must remember that it is your part and duty to see that *he* be taught, as soon as *he* shall be able to learn, the nature and end of this holy sacrament, and all those truths of the Holy Scriptures which reveal our duty and God's will concerning us. Bring *he* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, so that *he* may lead a virtuous and holy life, and, being sheltered from the dangers and temptations of the world, and kept *safe* from ungodly teaching and example, may be led to trust in Christ *his* Saviour, and abide through life a faithful member of His holy Church.

Then shall the Minister take the child in his arms, and say to the parents or friends of the child:

NAME THIS CHILD.

And then, naming it after them, he shall baptize the child, saying:

N, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's
 k, that *he* may be instructed and trained in the doctrines,
 privileges, and duties of the Christian religion, and trust
 t *he* will be Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his*
 's end.

The Minister may close with extempore prayer.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God
 Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with
 all. AMEN.

5. 2. THE MINISTRATION OF BAPTISM TO SUCH AS ARE OF RIPER YEARS.

The Minister shall say to the Congregation:

DEARLY BELOVED: Forasmuch as our Lord Jesus Christ
 ve commandment to His Church to make disciples of all
 nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and
 the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and, forasmuch as *this*
son here present, not having been baptized in *his* infancy,
 ks now in the presence of this congregation to be admitted
 o Christ's Church, through the ordinance which He hath
 ointed for that end; let us, being gathered together in
 e name of Christ, and in obedience to His command, hear,
 our instruction and encouragement, the teaching of His
 y Word concerning this sacrament.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power
 given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore,
 d teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the
 ther, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching
 em to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded

you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. AMEN. (*Matt. xxviii. 18-20.*)

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (*Acts ii. 38.*)

Ananias, . . . said . . . Brother Saul . . . why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. (*Acts xxii. 12-16.*)

Then the Minister shall speak to the person to be baptized on this wise

Well beloved, *thou hast* been instructed, according to Christ's commandment, in the principles of His doctrine; and by the coming hither desiring to receive His holy baptism *dost* solemnly profess, before God and this congregation *thy* belief in the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; into whose name *thou art* about to be baptized, and *dost* confess with *thy* mouth the Lord Jesus. *Thou hast heard* the command of God by the mouth of His Apostle, Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ; and the words spoken to Saul of Tarsus, Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. *Thou art* also reminded that all such as are baptized into Jesus Christ are joined unto Him in one Spirit. *Thou must therefore* for *thy* part, declare *thy* faith in Christ, and must promise in the presence of this congregation that *thou wilt*, by the grace of God, renounce the devil and all his works, and wilt steadfastly believe God's holy promises, and obediently keep His commandments.

shall the Minister demand of each of the persons to be baptized, severally:

ues. Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow nor be led by them?

ns. I renounce them all.

ues. Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Father of heaven and earth? and in Jesus Christ His onlyotten Son our Lord? and that He was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary? that He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried? that He rose again the third day? that He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come again, at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead? And dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the remission of sins; the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

ns. All this I steadfastly believe.

ues. Wilt thou be baptized in this faith?

ns. This is my desire.

ues. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

ns. I will endeavor so to do, God being my helper.

shall the Minister ask the name of the person to be baptized, and repeating the same shall baptize him, saying:

V, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

After which he shall say :

Grant, O merciful Father, that *this person* whom we now receive into Thy Church by baptism, may never hereafter be ashamed to confess the Faith of Christ crucified, and manfully fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil ; and that *he* may continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. AMEN.

After which the Minister shall say :

Almighty and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, we give Thee humble thanks for that Thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of Thy grace and faith in Thee. Give Thy Holy Spirit to *this person*, that *he* may be made *an heir* of everlasting salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.

Grant that all carnal affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him*. AMEN.

Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. AMEN.

Grant that *he*, being dedicated to Thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through Thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. AMEN.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us

trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
REN.

Then the Minister, speaking to the newly-baptized, shall say :

DEAR BROTHER: *Thou hast* now been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus ; I exhort *thee* to bear in mind that it is y part and duty to walk answerably to *thy* high and holy ling, as becometh the *child* of light, blameless and harm- n, without rebuke in the midst of an ungodly world ; mbering always that baptism representeth unto us our p fession ; which is to follow the example of our Saviour rist, and to be made like unto Him, that as He died and e again for us, so should we that are baptized die to sin d rise again unto righteousness ; continually mortifying our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in b virtue and godliness of living.

The Minister may conclude the Service with exhortation and extempore prayer.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, d the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all.
REN.

II.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS.

496. FORM OF RECEIVING PERSONS INTO THE CHURCH
AFTER PROBATION.

Upon the day appointed, all that are to be received shall be called forward, and the Minister, addressing the Congregation, shall

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN: The Scriptures teach that the Church is the household of God, the body of which is the Head, and that it is the design of the Gospel to bring together, in one, all who are in Christ. The fellowship in the Church is the communion which its members enjoy with another. The ends of this fellowship are the maintenance of sound doctrine, and the ordinance of Christianity, and the exercise of that power of godly admonition and discipline which Christ has committed to His Church for the promotion of holiness.

It is the duty of all men to unite in this fellowship; it is only those that be "planted in the house of the Lord" that shall flourish in the courts of our God." Their particular duties are to promote peace and unity; to lighten one another's burdens; to prevent each other's stumbling; to seek the intimacy of friendly society among themselves; to continue steadfast in the faith and worship of the Church; and to pray and sympathize with each other. Among their privileges are peculiar incitements to holiness from the hearing of God's Word, and sharing in Christ's ordinances; and being placed under the watchful care of pastors, and

ment of the blessings which are promised to those only
 re of the household of faith. Into this holy fellowship
 ersons before you, who have already received the sacra-
 of baptism, and having been for three months on trial,
 seeking admission. We now propose, in the fear of
 to question them as to their faith and purposes,
 you may know that they are proper persons to be
 tted into the Church.

*Then the Minister may address the applicants in the following or
 similar language :*

EARLY BELOVED : You come hither seeking the great privi-
 of union with the Church our Saviour has purchased
 His own blood. We rejoice in the grace of God
 asafed unto you in that He has called you to be His
 ers, and thus far you have run well. You have heard
 blessed are the privileges and how solemn are the duties
 mbership in Christ's Church ; and before you are fully
 ted thereto, it is proper that you do here publicly
 your vows, confess your faith, and declare your pur-
 by answering the following questions :

ss. Do you here, in the presence of God and of this
 egation, renew the solemn consecration of yourself to
 and take upon you the sacred obligation involved and
 rth in the holy ordinance of baptism, and do you pur-
 hat in heart and life, in death and for ever, you will
 rue servant of God and of Christ ?

s. I do. Such is my purpose, by God's help.

ss. Do you believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, as the
 and all-sufficient, propitiation for the sins of mankind,

and do you look to Him for the remission of sin and eternal life?

Ans. Such are my faith and hope.

Ques. Do you believe in the inspiration and divine authority of the Holy Scriptures, and accept the same as sufficient rule of faith and practice?

Ans. I do.

Ques. Will you cheerfully be governed by the rules of the Methodist Church, hold sacred the ordinances of God, and endeavor, as much as in you lies, to promote the welfare of your brethren, and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom?

Ans. I will.

Ques. Will you contribute of your earthly substance according to your ability, to the support of the Gospel and the various benevolent enterprises of the Church?

Ans. I will.

Then the Minister, addressing the Church, shall say:

BRETHREN: You have heard the responses given to our inquiries. Have any of you any reason to allege why these persons should not be received into full membership in the Church?

No objection being alleged, the Minister shall say to the Candidates:

We welcome you to the communion of the Church of God; and, in testimony of our Christian affection and cordiality with which we receive you, I hereby extend to you the right hand of fellowship; and may God grant that you may be faithful and useful members of the Church.

it until you are called to the fellowship of the church triumphant, which is "without fault before the throne of God."

Then shall the Minister offer extempore prayer.

III.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

97. ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

While the collection for the poor is being taken up, the Minister shall say one or more of these sentences:

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (*Matt. v. 16.*)

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. (*Matt. vi. 19-20.*)

Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. (*Matt. vii. 12.*)

Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (*Matt. vii. 21.*)

Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, I have given half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken

anything from any man by false accusation, I restore fourfold. (*Luke* xix. 8.)

He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, to him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God is a cheerful giver. (*2 Cor.* ix. 6, 7.)

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. (*Gal.* vi. 10.)

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we bring nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. (*1 Tim.* vi. 6, 7.)

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they be willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. (*1 Tim.* vi. 17-19.)

God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. (*Heb.* x. 24.)

To do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (*Heb.* xiii. 16.)

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? (*1 John* iii. 17.)

He that hath pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will He pay him back sevenfold. (*Prov.* xix. 17.)

Blessed is he that considereth the poor ; the Lord will
 ever him in time of trouble. (*Psalm xli. 1.*)

*While these sentences are being read, some person or persons, appointed
 for that purpose, shall receive the alms for the poor ; and then
 bring them to the Minister, who shall place them upon the table.*

After which the Minister shall say :

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and
 in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to
 lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and
 walking from henceforth in His holy ways ; draw near with
 faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort ; and
 make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly
 kneeling upon your knees.

*Then shall this general confession be made by the Minister in the name
 of all those that are minded to receive the Holy Communion, both
 he and all the people devoutly kneeling and saying :*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker
 of all things, Judge of all men ; we acknowledge and bewail
 our manifold sins, which we from time to time most griev-
 ously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against
 Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and
 indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are
 heartily sorry for these our misdoings ; the remembrance of
 them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have
 mercy upon us, most merciful Father ; for Thy Son, our
 Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and
 grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in
 righteousness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister say :

O Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

The Collect.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Then shall the Minister say :

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. **AMEN.**

We do not presume to come to this Thy table, O merciful God, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Give us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy

Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful
s and bodies may be made clean by His death, and
ed through His most precious blood, that we may ever
dwell in Him, and He in us. AMEN.

the Minister shall offer the Prayer of Consecration as followeth :

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy tender
y didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death
at the cross for our redemption ; who made there, by His
sion of Himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient
fice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole
d ; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command
o continue, a perpetual memory of that His precious
h, until His coming again : hear us, O merciful Father,
most humbly beseech Thee, and grant that we, receiving
e Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy
our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remem-
ce of His death and passion, may be partakers of His
; blessed body and blood ; who, in the same night that
was betrayed, took bread ; and when He had given
ks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying,
e, eat ; this is My body which is given for you ; do this
membrance of Me. Likewise after supper He took the
, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them,
g, Drink ye all of this ; for this is My blood of the
Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for
remission of sins ; this do ye, as oft as ye shall drink it,
membrance of Me. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister or Ministers receive the Communion in both kinds; and deliver the same to the people also, in order, in their uncovered hands. And when he delivereth the bread he shall say

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy soul and body unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on Him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

And the Minister that delivereth the cup shall say:

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy soul and body unto everlasting life. Drink of this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

If the consecrated bread or wine be all spent before all have communed, the Minister may consecrate more by repeating the Prayer of consecration.

When all have communed, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and place upon it what remaineth of the consecrated elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.

Then may the Minister say the Lord's Prayer: the people repeat after him every petition.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from all evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

After which may be said as followeth :

Lord, our heavenly Father, we Thy humble servants
 re Thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our
 fice of praise and thanksgiving ; most humbly beseech-
 Thee to grant that, by the merits and death of Thy Son
 s Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and Thy
 e Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all
 : benefits of His passion. And here we offer and pre-
 unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to
 reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee ; humbly
 xching Thee that all we who are partakers of this holy
 union may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly
 fiction. And although we be unworthy, through our
 fold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech
 to accept this our bounden duty and service ; not
 hing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through
 s Christ our Lord ; by whom, and with whom, in the
 7 of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto Thee,
 uthr Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

Then may be said :

ory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will
 rds men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship
 , we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy
 : glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father
 ighty.

Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ ; O Lord
 Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away
 sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that
 it away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy, Thou only Lord ; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art high in the glory of God the Father. **AMEN.**

Then the Minister, if he see it expedient, may offer an extempore and afterwards shall let the people depart with this blessing

May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord ; and the power of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. /

N.B.—If the Minister be straitened for time, he may omit some of the Service, except the Prayer of Consecration.

IV.

MATRIMONY.

498. FORM OF THE SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY.

First, the banns of all that are to be married must be published in the Congregation according to law, unless in cases where licence has been obtained.

At the time appointed for the solemnization of matrimony, the man and woman to be married standing together, the man at the right hand of the woman, the Minister shall say :

DEARLY BELOVED : We are gathered together here, in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony,

an honorable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's
 Oecumeny, signifying unto us the mystical union that is be-
 x Christ and His Church; which holy estate Christ
 rned and beautified with His presence, and first miracle
 He wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of
 Paul to be honorable among all men; and therefore is
 by any to be enterprised or taken in hand unadvisedly,
 reverently, discreetly, advisedly, and in the fear of God.
 Into which holy estate these two persons present come
 to be joined. Therefore, if any one can show any just
 se why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him
 speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

And also speaking unto the persons that are to be married, he shall say:

I require and charge you both (as you will answer at the
 sadful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts
 all be disclosed), that if either of you know any impedi-
 nt why you may not be lawfully joined together in matri-
 ny, you do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that
 many as are coupled together otherwise than as God's
 ord doth allow, are not joined together by God, neither is
 heir matrimony lawful.

And if no impediment be alleged, then shall the Minister say unto the man:

M, wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to
 be together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of
 matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and
 keep her, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all other,
 keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The man shall answer:

I WILL.

Then shall the Minister say unto the woman :

N, wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love him, honor and keep him in sickness and in health, and forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The woman shall answer.

I WILL.

Then the Minister shall cause the man, with his right hand, to take the woman by the right hand, and to say after him as followeth.

I, M, take thee, N, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I plight thee my faith.

Then shall they loose their hands, and the woman, with her right hand, taking the man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister:

I, N, take thee, M, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my faith.

When the parties desire to be married with a ring, the following may be used:—The man, placing the ring upon the fourth finger of the woman's left hand, shall say after the Minister:

With this ring, a token and pledge of the vow and covenant now made between me and thee, I do thee wed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

Then shall the Minister say :

Let us pray.

Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind,
r of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life,

Thy blessing upon these Thy servants, this man and
woman, whom we bless in Thy name ; that, as Isaac
Rebecca lived faithfully together, so these persons may
ly perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt
a made, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace
ther, and live according to Thy laws, through Jesus
st our Lord. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister say :

God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, bless
man and this woman, and sow the seed of eternal life
their hearts, that whatsoever in Thy holy Word they shall
ably learn, they may indeed fulfil the same. Look, O
I, mercifully on them from heaven, and bless them.
as Thou didst send Thy blessings upon Abraham and
ch, to their great comfort, so vouchsafe to send Thy
sings upon this man and this woman, that they, obeying
will, and always being in safety under Thy protection,
abide in Thy love until their lives' end, through Jesus
st our Lord. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say :

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put
ader.

As much as *M* and *N* have consented together in holy
lock, and have witnessed the same before God and this

company, and thereto have pledged their faith, at other, and have declared the same by joining of and by the giving and receiving of a ring, I pronounce they are husband and wife together,—In the name Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **A**

And the Minister shall add this blessing :

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost preserve, and keep you ; the Lord mercifully with His look upon you, and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life the world to come ye may have life everlasting. **A**

Then shall the Minister say :

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. **AMEN.**

V.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

499. FORM FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

[N.B.—The following or some other solemn service shall be used.]

The Minister meeting the corpse, and going before it, shall say,

I am the resurrection, and the life, saith the Lord, that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never
(*John* xi. 25, 26.)

know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand
e latter day upon the earth : and though after my skin
is destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God :
I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold,
not another. (*Job* xix. 25, 26, 27.)

is brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we
carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath
away ; blessed be the name of the Lord. (1 *Tim.* vi.
Job i. 21.)

grave, when the corpse is laid in the earth, the Minister shall say :
man, that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to
and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down
lower ; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never con-
th in one stay.

the midst of life we are in death ; of whom may we
for succor, but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art
displeased ?

at, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy
most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter
of eternal death.

ou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts ; shut not
merciful ears to our prayers, but spare us, Lord most

O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour,
most worthy Judge eternal, and suffer us not at our
mour for any pains of death to fall from Thee.

*Then while the earth shall be cast upon the body by some stand
the Minister shall say :*

Forasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God in His providence to take out of the world the soul of the deceased, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground ; earth to ashes, dust to dust ; looking for the general resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come through our Lord Jesus Christ ; at whose second coming His glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and all that therein shall give up their dead ; and the corruptible body of the just who sleep in Him shall be changed, and made like unto His own glorious body ; according to the mighty power whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

Then shall be said :

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.

Then shall the Minister say :

Lord have mercy upon us,

Christ have mercy upon us,

Lord have mercy upon us.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. AMEN.

The Collect.

merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever
liveth shall live, though he die, and whosoever believeth
in Him shall not die eternally: we meekly
beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness; that when we shall depart
this life we may rest in Him; and, at the general resurrection
at the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy
sight, and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son
will then pronounce to all that love and fear Thee, saying,
Ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom
prepared for you from the beginning of the world.
And thus, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through
our Lord Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. AMEN.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all ever-
more. AMEN.

VI.

ORDINATION.

500. THE FORM OF ORDAINING MINISTERS.

[When the day appointed for the ordination of Ministers is come, there shall be a Sermon, or Exhortation, declaring the duty and office of such as come to be admitted Ministers, how necessary that order is in the Church of Christ, and also how the people ought to esteem them in their office.]

After which one of the Ministers shall present unto the General Superintendent or President all them that are to be ordained :

I present unto you these persons present to be ordained ministers.

Then their names being read aloud, the General Superintendent or President shall say unto the people :

Brethren, these are they whom we purpose, God willing, this day to ordain ministers. For, after due examination, we find not to the contrary, but that they are lawfully called to this function and ministry, and that they are persons meet for the same. But if there be any of you who knoweth any impediment or crime in any of them, for which he ought not to be received into this holy ministry, let him come forth in the name of God, and show what the crime or impediment is.

[If any crime or impediment be alleged, the General Superintendent or President shall surcease from ordaining that person until such time as the party accused shall be found clear of the crime.]

Then shall be said the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, as followeth:

The Collect:

Almighty God, Giver of all good things, who by the Holy Spirit hast appointed ministers in Thy Church; mercifully send these Thy servants now called to the office of ministers, and replenish them so with the truth of Thy doctrine, that, adorned with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve Thee in this Church, to the glory of Thy name, and the edification of Thy Church, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. AMEN.

The Epistle (Eph. iv. 7-13).

Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The Gospel (St. John x. 1-16).

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep: him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. This spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not these things which He spake unto them. Then spake Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them, because they knew not the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, when the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. As the Father knoweth Me, and I know I the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold:

I must bring, and they shall hear My voice ; and there be one fold, and one shepherd.

that done, the General Superintendent or President shall say unto them, as hereafter followeth :

you have heard, brethren, as well in your private examination as in the exhortation which was now made to you, in the holy lessons taken out of the Gospel, and the sayings of the apostles, of what dignity and of how great importance this office is whereunto you are called. And again, we exhort you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you have in remembrance into how high a dignity and to how weighty an office you are called : that is to say, to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord ; to teach and to premonish, to feed and provide for the Lord's people ; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, for His children who are in the midst of this evil world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. We have always, therefore, in remembrance how great a trust is committed to your charge. For they are the people of Christ, which He bought with His death, and for whom He shed His blood. The Church and congregation in you must serve is His spouse and His body. And if it shall happen that the same Church, or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, you know the greatness of the fault, and also the terrible punishment that will ensue. Wherefore consider yourselves the end of the ministry towards the children of God, towards the spouse and body of Christ ; and see that you never cease your labor, your care and diligence, until

you have done all that lieth in you, according to bounden duty, to bring all such as are or shall be come to your charge, unto that agreement in the faith and ledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of Christ, that there be no place left among you, either error in religion or for viciousness in life.

Forasmuch, then, as your office is both of so great lency, and of so great difficulty, you see with how care and study you ought to apply yourselves, as well you may show yourselves dutiful and thankful unto the Lord who hath placed you in so high a dignity, as to beware that neither you yourselves offend, nor be occasion that others offend. Howbeit you cannot have a mind will thereto of yourselves, for that will and ability is of God alone; therefore you ought, and have need to pray earnestly for His Holy Spirit. And seeing this cannot compass the doing of so weighty a work, pertinent to the salvation of man, but with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the Holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable to the same, consider how studious you ought to be in reading and learning the Scriptures, and in framing the manners both of yourselves and of them that specially are committed unto you, according to the rule of the same Scriptures; and, for this self-same cause, how you ought to forsake and set aside (as much as you may) all worldly cares and distractions.

We have good hope that you have all weighed and considered these things long before this time; and that you are clearly determined, by God's grace, to give yourself wholly to this office, whereunto it has pleased God to call you; so that, as much as lieth in you, you will apply

es wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and
 lies this way, and that you will continue to pray to God
 Father, by the mediation of our only Saviour, Jesus
 Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost; that,
 the daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures, you
 wax ripen and stronger in your ministry; and that you
 so endeavor yourselves, from time to time, to sanctify
 lives of you and yours, and to fashion them after the
 and doctrine of Christ, that you may be wholesome and
 ly examples and patterns for the people to follow.

and now that this present congregation of Christ here
 assembled may also understand your minds and wills in
 se things, and that this your promise may the more move
 to do your duties; you shall answer plainly to these
 ings which we, in the name of God and His Church, shall
 hand of you touching the same.

Do you think, in your heart, that you are truly called,
 ording to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the office
 a minister?

Ans. I think so.

The General Superintendent or President. Are you per-
 ded that the Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doc-
 nes required of necessity for eternal salvation through
 ch in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the
 d Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your
 arge, and to teach nothing as required of necessity to
 rnal salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded
 y be concluded and proved by the Scriptures?

Ans. I am so persuaded, and have so determined, by
 d's grace.

The General Superintendent or President. Will you give your faithful diligence always so to minister the doctrines, and sacraments, and discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded?

Ans. I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

The General Superintendent or President. Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive out all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word, and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole within your charge, as need shall require and occasion shall be given?

Ans. I will, the Lord being my helper.

The General Superintendent or President. Will you be diligent in prayers, and in reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

Ans. I will endeavor so to do, the Lord being my helper.

The General Superintendent or President. Will you be diligent to frame and fashion yourselves, and your families according to the doctrines of Christ: and to make yourselves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

Ans. I will apply myself thereto, the Lord being my helper.

The General Superintendent or President. Will you maintain and set forward, as much as lieth in you, quietness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among them that are or shall be committed to your charge?

Ans. I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

The General Superintendent or President. Will you

Obey your chief ministers, unto whom is committed
 charge and government over you ; following with a glad
 and will their godly admonitions, submitting your-
 selves to their godly judgment ?

I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Call the General Superintendent or President, standing up, say :
 Almighty God, who hath given you the will to do all
 things, grant also unto you strength and power to
 do the same ; that He may accomplish His work which
 hath begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For this the congregation shall be desired, secretly in their
 hearts, to make their humble supplications to God for all these
 things for the which prayers there shall be silence kept for a space.]

*Which shall be said by the General Superintendent or President
 to the persons to be ordained Ministers all kneeling), Veni, Creator,
 Spiritus, the General Superintendent or President beginning, and
 Ministers and others that are present answering by verse, as
 followeth :*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
 And lighten with celestial fire.
 Thou the anointing Spirit art,
 Who dost Thy seven-fold gifts impart.
 Thy blessed unction from above,
 Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
 Enable with perpetual light
 The dulness of our blinded sight.
 Anoint and cheer our soiled face
 With the abundance of Thy grace ;

Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art guide, no ill can come.
 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of both, to be but one;
 That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song;
 Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*That done, the General Superintendent or President shall pray in
 wise :*

Almighty God and heavenly Father, who of Thine infinite love and goodness toward us, hast given to us Thy only most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and the author of everlasting life ; who, after He had purchased our redemption by His death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, by whose labor and ministry He gathered together a great flock in all parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of Thy name : for these so great benefits of Thy eternal goodness and for that Thou hast vouchsafed to call these Thy servants here present to the same office and ministry appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto Thee most hearty thanks : we praise and worship Thee : and we humbly beseech Thee, by the same Thy blessed Son, to grant unto us who either here or elsewhere call upon Thy name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto Thee for these and all other Thy benefits, and that we may daily increase and go forward in the knowledge and faith of Thy

d Thy Son, by the Holy Spirit; so that, as well by these
y ministers, as by them over whom they shall be ap-
ointed Thy ministers, Thy holy name may be forever
rified, and Thy blessed kingdom enlarged, through the
ne Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and
gneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit,
rld without end. AMEN.

*When this prayer is ended, the General Superintendent or President,
with two or more of the Ministers present, shall lay their hands
severally upon the head of every one that receiveth the order of
Ministers; the receivers humbly kneeling upon their knees, and
the General Superintendent or President saying:*

The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Ghost for the office
d work of a minister in the Church of God, now com-
tted unto thee by the imposition of our hands. And be
ou a faithful dispenser of the Word of God, and of His
ly sacraments; in the name of the Father, and of the
n, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

*When the General Superintendent or President shall deliver to every
one of them, kneeling, the Bible into his hands, saying:*

Take thou authority to preach the Word of God, and to
minister the holy sacraments in the congregation.

Then the General Superintendent or President shall say:

Most merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send upon
ese Thy servants Thy heavenly blessing, that they may be
thed with righteousness, and that Thy Word spoken by

their mouths may have such success that it may spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have hear and receive what they shall deliver out of Thy holy Word, or agreeably to the same, as the means of salvation; and that, in all our words and deeds seek Thy glory and the increase of Thy Kingdom, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy gracious favor, and further us with Thy continuing that in all our works, begun, continued, and Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally, mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Here let the service close with singing and the following benediction:

The peace of God, that passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

VII.

I. FORM OF SERVICE FOR THE SETTING APART OF DEACONESSSES.

After an introductory service at the time appointed, the irman of the Deaconess Board, or some other minister, l present to the General Superintendent, or President onference, having charge of the service, the person or ons to be set apart to Deaconess work, saying :

r. President—I present unto you *these persons*, to be part as *Deaconesses* in the Methodist Church.

he President—Have you reason to believe *them* to be nd qualified by a godly life and by skill and training womanly ministrations, to discharge the duties of a oness ?

nswer—*They* have given satisfactory evidence, during ation, by practical service and by the prosecution of prescribed studies, of meetness for this calling.

ien shall the President say to the congregation :

EARLY BELOVED—In the record of the earthly life of Divine Master we learn that he accepted and honored service rendered Him by loving and devout women. he apostolic age it was the practice of the Church to employment to the activity of all believers. Notable 1g their activities was the employment of godly women itable gifts as deaconesses or servants of the Church. Paul, writing to the Philippians, says, “Help those en which labored with me in the Gospel.” He also ends unto the Church at Rome Phœbe, a Deaconess e Church, which was at Cenchrea. To this honored

service *these persons* now come to be admitted. We good confidence that *they are* apt and competent the nevertheless, should there be any of you who know reason for which it is inexpedient that *these persons* any of them, should be so set apart, let it be now declared

If no impediment be alleged, the President shall and the Candidate shall respond as follows :

President—The spirit of the Lord God is upon me cause the Lord hath sent me to bind up the bruised hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and opening of the prison to them that are bound.

Response—Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

President—Then shall the righteous answer him, as Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered, and fed Thee thirsty, and gave Thee drink? When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee? or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee?

Response—And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done unto Me.

Then all kneeling, the President shall say :

President—Unto Thee lift we up our eyes.

Response—O Thou that dwellest in the heavens :

President—As the eyes of servants look unto the face of their masters ;

Response—And as the eyes of a maiden unto the face of her mistress ;

President—Even so our eyes wait upon Thee, O Lord ;

Response—Until Thou have mercy upon us.

President—Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast call Phœbe and other devout women to be the servants of Thy Church, enabling them to minister to the same Apostles and to many others also, we thank Thee that Thou hast called *these, our sisters*, now being set apart to the office of Deaconess, to undertake the like ministrations. We beseech Thee to look graciously upon *them* at this hour and bless *them* ; anoint *them* with the spirit of wisdom ; clothe *them* with the spirit of power, and enrich *them* with all spiritual gifts and graces. Let Thy work appear unto Thy *servants*, and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon *them* ; and establish Thou the work of *their* hands upon *them* ; yea, the work of *their* hands establish Thou it. Look upon all Thy servants here present in compassion and love, and grant unto them the fullness of Thy salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The candidate shall then rise, and the President shall say :

DEAR SISTERS—We rejoice with you that in the providence of God an open door of usefulness has been found to you in the service of the Church of Christ. In our King Master's wide vineyard there are manifold forms of labor, and to each disciple some fitting task is assigned.

As you are accorded peculiar privileges and opportunities, released from other cares, you give *yourselves* without reservation, according to the will of God, to the service of the Lord and of His Church, wherever your lot may be

cast. Like our blessed Master, you are to go about doing good, ministering, as He did, to the wants of a suffering, sorrowing and sin-laden world. You are to be angels of mercy to the poor, to visit the sick, pray with the dying, care for the orphan, seek the wandering, comfort the afflicted, save the sinning, and ever be ready to take any other duty proper to your calling. Such a mission confers upon you a great honor, and involves a solemn responsibility. We are persuaded that you have entered upon it lightly. No doubt, in the sacred stillness of the sanctuary of the heart you have already consecrated yourselves to this office and work. What you have done alone with God you are now to do formally and publicly as the Church sets you apart for her special service in co-operation with her pastors.

The President shall then ask :

Question—Do you believe that you have been led by the Spirit and Providence of God to engage in this work, and to assume the duties of this office?

Answer—I do.

Question—Do you, in the presence of God and this congregation, promise faithfully to perform the duties of a Deaconess in the Church of God, so long as you remain in this calling?

Answer—I will endeavor so to do, the Lord being my helper.

Question—Do you accept the Bible as God's Word, and will you take it as the guide of your life and the source and authority of your spiritual instruction?

Answer—I so accept it, and will so employ it.

tion—Will you strive to walk so close to your
that you may ever carry His presence and bene-
to the hearts and homes of those to whom you
r?

ver—I will endeavor so to do.

tion—Will you accept the direction of those whom
urch may set over you, in the prosecution of your

ver—I will cheerfully do so.

HYMN 923.

She loved her Saviour, and to Him
Her costliest present brought ;
To crown His head, or grace His name,
No gift too rare she thought.

So let the Saviour be adored,
And not the poor despised :
Give to the hungry from your hoard,
But all, give all to Christ.

Go, clothe the naked, lead the blind,
Give to the weary rest ;
For sorrow's children comfort find,
And help for all distressed.

But give to Christ alone thy heart,
Thy faith, thy love supreme ;
Then for His sake thine alms impart,
And so give all to Him.

*resent shall kneel and join in silent prayer for the
tes.*

¶ 501 FORM FOR SETTING APART DEACONESSSES.

Then the President shall say :

Almighty God, who hast given Thy *handmaidens* will to do all these things, grant also unto *them* power to perform the same, so that all *their* works may be begun, continued and ended in Thee, and that *they* may glorify Thy holy name, and finally obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then all shall rise, and the President shall present *an* candidate with her license, saying : Take thou authority to discharge the duties of a Deaconess in the Methodist Church.

The President may then offer a few words of counsel, and close with the following invocation :

May the Holy Spirit of the Living God descend upon you and abide with you evermore. May His holy anointing impart unto you grace for every trial, and gifts for every duty. May His presence be to you a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night, all along the journey of life ; and may the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you, now and evermore. *Amen.*

VIII.

2. THE FORM OF RENEWING THE COVENANT.

For a short sermon, impressing upon every soul the importance of giving himself to God, and that without delay, each Minister is recommended, on his first tour round his Circuit in the New Year, beginning the first Sabbath in January, to read the following directions, or some of them, in every Congregation, and persuade as many as possible to make solemn Covenant with God, and by divine grace, to keep the Covenant inviolate unto the day of His coming:}]

Get these three principles fixed in your heart: That things eternal are much more considerable than things temporal; that things not seen are as certain as the things that are seen; that upon your present choice depends your eternal lot. Choose Christ and His ways, and you are saved for ever; refuse, and you are undone for ever. Then,

1. Make your choice.

Turn either to the right hand or to the left; lay both before you, with every link of each; Christ with His cross, His cross, and His crown; or, the devil with his sin, his pleasure, and curse; and then put it to yourself thus: "Soul, thou seest what is before thee, what wilt thou do? Which wilt thou have, either the crown or the curse? If thou chooseth the crown, remember that the crown is linked to it. What sayest thou? Hadst thou chosen to take the gains and pleasures of sin, and venture on

the curse! Or wilt thou yield thyself to C
make sure of the crown!"

If your hearts fly off, and would fain waive
leave them not so. If you be unresolved, you
If you remain undetermined for Christ, you a
for the devil. Therefore, give not off, but
hearts from day to day; let them not rest ti
be brought to an issue; and see that you
choice.

This is your choosing the good part, God an
ness of the world to come, for your portion a
and in this is included your renouncing t
worldly happiness.

III. Embark with Christ.

Adventure yourselves with Him; cast yo
His righteousness, as that which shall bring yo
you stay where you are, you perish; and es
yourself you cannot. Christ offers, if you will
Him, He will bring you home, He will bring
Will you now say to Him, "Lord Jesus, wil
take for me? Wilt Thou bring me to God,
the Land of Promise? With Thee will I vent
cast myself upon Thee, upon Thy blood, and
ness; I lay all my hopes, and venture my w
soul and body, with Thee."

IV. Resign and deliver up yourselves to G

"Yield yourselves to the Lord," that is, as
give up the dominion and government of
Christ. "Neither yield your members as i
unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yoursel

se that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." "To whom ye would yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey." Yield yourselves so to the Lord, that you may henceforth be the Lord's: "I am thine," saith the Psalmist. Those that yield themselves to sin and the world let their heart say, "Sin, I am thine; world, I am thine;—pleasures, I am yours; pleasures, I am yours." "I am thine," saith the Psalmist; devoted to Thy fear, dedicated to Thy service. "I am Thine, save me." Give yourselves to Christ, and be devoted to His fear.

And this giving yourself to Him must be such as supposes that you be heartily contented,—

1. That He appoint you your work.

2. That He appoint you your station.

3. That He appoint you your work: That He put you to whatsoever He pleaseth. Servants, as they must do their master's work, so they must do that work which their master appoints them; they must be for any work their master hath for them to do; they must not pick and choose: "This I will do, and that I will not do": they must not say, "This is too hard," or "This is too mean," or "This may be well enough let alone." Good servants, when they are chosen their master, will let their master choose their work, and will not dispute his will, but do it.

Christ hath many services to be done; some are more easy and honorable, others more difficult and disagreeable; some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others contrary to both. In some we may please Christ, and use ourselves: as, when He requires us to feed and clothe

ourselves, to provide things honest for our maintenance. Yes, and there are some spiritual duties that are more pleasing than others; as, to rejoice in the Lord, to blessing and praising God, to be feeding ourselves with delights and comforts of religion: these are the sweet works of a Christian. But then there are other works, which we cannot please Christ but by denying ourselves giving and lending, bearing and forbearing, reproving for their sins, withdrawing from their company, witnessing against their wickedness, confessing Christ and His name when it will cause us shame and reproach; sailing against the wind, swimming against the tide, steering contrary to the times, parting with our ease, our liberties, and our commodiations for the name of our Lord Jesus.

[It is desirable that the whole of this Service be prayerfully considered in private by those who purpose to enter into the Covenant; but, to shorten the service, the ministers may begin to read, on occasion of the annual renewal of the Covenant in the Methodist Societies.]

It is necessary, beloved, to sit down, and consider that it will cost you to be the servants of Christ, and to have a thorough survey of the whole business of Christianity, not to be engaged thoughtlessly to you know not what.

First, see what it is that Christ doth expect, and yield yourselves to His whole will. Do not think of bargaining or making your own terms with Christ: that is never be allowed you.

Go to Christ, and tell Him, "Lord Jesus, if Thou wilt receive me into Thy house, if Thou wilt but own me as a

servant, I will not stand upon terms; impose upon me what conditions Thou pleasest, write down Thine own articles, command me what Thou wilt, put me to anything Thou seest good; let me come under Thy roof, let me be Thy servant, and spare not to command me: I will be no longer mine own, but give myself to Thy will in all things."

2. Let Him appoint you your station and condition; whether it be higher or lower, a prosperous or afflicted state. Be content that Christ should choose your work and choose your condition; that He should have the command of you, and the disposal of you: "Make me what Thou wilt, Lord, and set me where Thou wilt: let me be a vessel of silver or gold, or a vessel of wood or stone; so I be a vessel of honor, of whatsoever form or metal, whether higher or lower, finer or coarser, I am content; if I be not the head, or the eye, or the ear, one of the nobler and more honorable instruments Thou wilt employ, let me be the hand, or the foot, one of the most laborious, the lowest, and most contemptible of all the servants of the Lord; let my dwelling be in the dust, my portion in the wilderness, my name and lot amongst the hewers of wood and drawers of water, among the door-keepers of thy house: anywhere, where I may be serviceable. I put myself wholly into Thy hands; put me to what Thou wilt, rank me with whom Thou wilt; put me to doing; put me to suffering; let me be employed for Thee, or laid aside for Thee; exalted for Thee, or trodden under foot for Thee; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and heartily resign all to Thy pleasure and disposal."

This is closing with Christ as your King and Sovereign

Lord; and in this is included your renouncing the devil all his works, the flesh and its lusts; together with consenting to all the laws and ordinances of Christ and providential government.

Beloved, such an agreement with Christ as you have been exhorted to, is that wherein the essence of Christianity lies. When you have chosen the incorruptible crown that is, when you have chosen God to be your portion of happiness,—when you have adventured, and laid up your whole interest and all your hopes with Christ, casting yourselves wholly upon the merits of His death; when you understandingly and heartily resigned yourselves to, and resolving forever to be at His command, and at His disposal; then you are Christians indeed, and never till Christ will be the Saviour of none but His servants. He is the author of eternal salvation to those who obey Him. Christ will have no servants but by consent; His people are a willing people; Christ will accept of no consent but such as is full to all He requires; He will be all in all, or He will be nothing.

Next confirm and complete all this by solemn covenant. Give yourselves to the Lord as His servants, and yourselves to Him as His covenant servants.

Upon your entering into covenant with God, the covenant of God stands firm to you: God gives you leave, every one to put in his own name into the covenant grant; if it be not found there at last, it will be your own fault; if it be not there, there will be nothing found in the whole covenant belonging unto you; if it be there, all is yours; if you have come into the bond of the covenant, you shall

we share in the blessings of the covenant. "Thou hast touched the Lord this day to be thy God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His judgments, to hearken to His voice; and the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be His peculiar people, as He hath promised thee. (Deut. xxvi. 17, 18.) Observe it: The same day that they avouched the Lord to be their God, the same day the Lord avouched them to be His peculiar people. The same day that they engaged to keep the commandments of God, the same day the Lord engaged to keep His promise to them.

There is a two-fold covenanting with God. In *profession*, and in *reality*; an entering our names, or an engaging our hearts. The former is done in baptism, by all that are baptized, who, by receiving that seal of the covenant, are visibly, or in profession, entered into it. The latter is also two-fold.

1. **VIRTUAL.** Which is done by all those that have sincerely made that closure with God in Christ which we have spoken of. Those that have chosen the Lord, embraced with Christ, resigned, and given themselves to the Lord, have virtually covenanted with Him.

2. **FORMAL.** Which is our binding ourselves to the Lord by a solemn vow or promise to stand to our choice. And this may be either inward in the soul, or outward, and expressed either by word, lifting up the hands, subscribing with the hand, or the like; and by how much the more express and solemn our covenanting with God is, by so much the more sensibly and strongly is it likely to hold our hearts to Him.

Now, that which we would persuade you to, is this solemn and expressed covenanting with God ; and in order to the putting this matter into practice, take these few directions :—

1. Seek earnestly His special assistance, and gracious acceptance of you.

2. Consider distinctly all the conditions of the Covenant, as they have been laid before you.

3. Search your hearts, whether you either have already or can now freely make such a closure with God in Christ as you have been exhorted to. Especially consider what your sins are, and examine whether you can resolve to forego them all. Consider what the laws of Christ are, how holy, strict, and spiritual, and whether you can, upon deliberation, make choice of them all (even those that must cross your interests and corrupt inclinations), as the rule of your whole life.

First. Be sure you be clear in these matters; see that you do not lie unto God.

Secondly. Compose your spirits into the most serious frame possible, suitable to a transaction of so high importance.

Thirdly. Lay hold on the covenant of God, and rely upon His promise of giving grace and strength, whereby you may be enabled to perform your promise. Trust not to your own strength, or to the strength of your own resolutions, but take hold on his strength.

Fourthly. Resolve to be faithful. Having engaged your hearts, opened your mouths, and subscribed with your hands to the Lord, resolve in His strength never to go back.

ere let the Minister request all who are willing to engage in the renewal of the Covenant, to signify it by standing up, after which, in the name of the congregation, he shall open his lips to the Lord, in these words, all devoutly kneeling :]

O most holy and most merciful God! for the passion of Thy Son, we beseech Thee accept of us poor prodigals now contrite at Thy door. We have fallen from grace by our iniquity, and are by nature heirs of death, and a thousand-fold more children of hell by our sinful practice; but of Thine infinite grace Thou hast promised mercy to us through Christ, if we will but turn to Thee with all our hearts; therefore, upon the call of Thy Gospel, we are now come, O Lord, and, throwing down our weapons, submit ourselves to Thy mercy.

And because Thou requirest, as the condition of our peace with Thee, that we should put away our idols, and be at variance with all Thine enemies, which, we acknowledge, we have wickedly sided with against Thee, we here, from the bottom of our hearts, renounce them all; firmly covenanting with Thee not to allow ourselves in any known sin, but conscientiously to use all the means that we know Thou hast prescribed for the death and utter destruction of all our corruptions. And whereas, formerly, we have inordinately set out our affections upon the world, we do here resign our hearts to Thee; humbly protesting before Thy glorious Majesty, that it is our firm resolution, and that we do undesignedly desire grace from Thee, that when Thou shalt call us hereunto, we may practice this our resolution, to forsake all that is dear unto us in this world, rather than turn from Thee to the ways of sin; and that we will watch against

all temptations, whether of prosperity or adversity, lest they should withdraw our hearts from Thee, beseeching Thee to help us against the temptations of Satan, to ward off his wicked suggestions we resolve, by Thy grace, never to yield. And because our own righteousness is but filthy rags, we renounce all confidence therein ; and acknowledge that we are of ourselves hopeless, helpless, undone creatures, without righteousness or strength.

And forasmuch as Thou hast, of Thy boundless mercy, offered most graciously to us, wretched sinners, to be accepted of our God through Christ, if we would accept of Thee ; we call heaven and earth to record this day, that we do solemnly avouch Thee for the Lord our God ; and with all possible veneration, bowing our souls before Thy sacred Majesty, we do here give up ourselves to Thee, Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for Thy service ; promising and vowing to serve Thee, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives.

And since Thou hast appointed the Lord Jesus Christ the only means of coming unto Thee, we do here, upon bended knees, accept of Him as the only new and living way by which sinners may have access to Thee.

O blessed Jesus, we come to Thee hungry, wretched, miserable, blind, and naked ; guilty, condemned malefactors, unworthy to wash the feet of the servants of the Lord, much more to be joined in covenant to the King of Glory ; but since such is Thine unparalleled love, we with all our power, accept Thee, and take Thee for our God and Lord ; for better, for worse ; for richer, for poorer, all times and conditions, to love, honor, and obey Thee.

all others, and this to the death. We embrace Thee in Thy offices; we renounce our own worthiness, and do we avow Thee for the Lord, our righteousness; we renounce our own wisdom, and do here take Thee for our only rule; we renounce our own will, and do take Thy will for law.

And since Thou hast told us we must suffer if we will reign, we do here covenant with Thee, to take our lot as it is with Thee, and, by Thy grace assisting, to run all our wars with Thee; verily purposing, that neither life nor death shall part between Thee and us.

And because Thou hast been pleased to give us Thy holy Scriptures as the rule of our lives, and the way in which we should walk to Thy kingdom, we do here willingly put ourselves under Thy yoke, and set our shoulders to Thy burden; and, subscribing to all Thy laws, as holy, just, and good, we solemnly take them as the rule of our words, thoughts, and actions; promising that, though our flesh contradict and rebel, we will endeavor to order and govern our whole lives according to Thy direction.

There shall follow a season of silent prayer. Then the whole Congregation, led by the Minister, shall repeat audibly the following words:]

Now, Almighty God, Searcher of Hearts, Thou knowest that I make this Covenant with Thee this day without any guile or reservation, beseeching Thee, if Thou espiest any flaw or falsehood therein, that Thou wouldst discover it to me, and help me to do it aright.

And now, glory be to Thee, O God the Father, whom I

shall be bold, from this day forward, to look God and Father, that ever Thou shouldst find way for the recovery of undone sinners. Glory O God the Son, who hast loved me, and wash my sins in Thine own blood, and art now Saviour and Redeemer.

Glory be to Thee, O God the Holy Ghost, finger of Thine Almighty power, hast turned heart from sin to God.

O great Jehovah, the Lord God Omnipotent, and Holy Ghost, Thou art now become my covenant and I, through Thine infinite grace, have become covenant-servant. Amen. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

[The Minister may here conclude with singing and ex prayer.]

NOTE.—*To members of the Church.* This c advise you to make, not only in heart, but in only in word, but in writing; and that you w possible reverence, spread the writing before th you would present it to Him as your act and when you have done this, set your hand to it; memorial of the solemn transactions that have tween God and you, and that you may have re in doubts and temptations.

IX.

LAYING A CORNER-STONE.

3. FORM FOR LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF A CHURCH.

Minister, standing near the place where the stone is to be laid, shall say unto the Congregation:

DEARLY BELOVED: We are taught in the Word of God, although the heaven of heavens cannot contain the eternal One, much less the walls of temples made with hands, yet His delight is ever with the sons of men, and wherever two or three are gathered in His name, there He is in the midst of them. In all ages His servants have separated certain places for His worship: Jacob erected a house in Bethel for God's house; Moses made a tabernacle in the desert; and Solomon builded a temple for the Lord, which He filled with the glory of His presence before all the people. We are now assembled to lay the corner-stone of a new house for the worship of the God of our fathers. Let us not doubt that He will favorably approve our godly purpose, and let us now devoutly unite in singing His praise, and in prayer for His blessing on our undertaking.

Let an appropriate Hymn be sung.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

Most glorious God, heaven is Thy throne, and the earth Thy footstool; what house then can be builded for Thee, where is the place of Thy rest? Yet, blessed be Thy

name, O Lord God, that it hath pleased Thee to habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell amidst of the assembly of the saints upon the earth now, especially, we render thanks to Thee, O God, that hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy people to erect in this place a house for Thy worship. We thank Thee for Thy grace which has inclined them to offer up of their substance for the glory of Thy name: and we beseech Thee to continue Thy blessing upon their pious undertaking. AMEN.

May many unite with them in their holy work, and the habitation of Thy house shall be completed, and their dedication to Thy service, free from all debt or obligation. AMEN.

May peace and harmony prevail in the counsel of Thy servants. May the work of this building be accomplished without hurt or accident to any person. And we beseech Thee that Thou shalt have prospered the work of their hands upon this house, and this house shall be prepared for Thy service, and all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work shall show forth their thankfulness, by making a right use of it to the glory of Thy blessed name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Grant that all who shall hereafter worship Thy temple here to be builded, may so serve and please Thee in all holy exercises of godliness, that in the end they may come to the holy place, made without hands, whose author and maker is God. AMEN.

Hear us, O Lord, for Thou art our God in whom we live, and when we shall cease to pray unto Thee on earth,

with all those who in like manner have erected such
 es to Thy name, and with all Thy glorified saints, eter-
 y praise Thee for all Thy goodness vouchsafed unto us
 earth, and laid up for us in heaven. AMEN.

Accept these our prayers, we beseech Thee, for the sake
 Thy dear Son, who hath taught us when we pray to say,
 ur Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
 kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in
 ven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive
 our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
 " AMEN.

*the Minister shall read the following Psalm, or the Minister and
 people may read it in alternate verses; the parts in italics to be
 read by the people:*

PSALM CXXXII.

Lord, remember David, and all his afflictions:
How he sware unto the Lord, and vowed unto the mighty
God of Jacob;
 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house,
 go up into my bed;
Will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eye-
lids,
 Until I find out a place for the Lord,
 An habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
 So, we heard it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields
 of the wood.
 We will go into His tabernacles: we will worship at His
 stool.

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Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest; Then, and the strength

Let Thy saints be clothed with righteousness;
And let Thy saints shout for joy.

For Thy servant David's sake turn not away
Thine ear from me.

The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; He
turn from it:

Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne
If thy children will keep My covenant and My
that I shall teach them, their children shall also
thy throne for evermore.

For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it,
habitation.

This is My rest forever: here will I dwell; for I
desired it.

I will abundantly bless her provision.

I will satisfy her poor with bread.

I will also clothe her priests with salvation.

And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

There will I make the horn of David to bud:

I have ordained a lamp for Mine anointed.

His enemies will I clothe with shame:

But upon himself shall his crown flourish.

The Lesson. 1 Cor. iii. 9-23.

For we are laborers together with God; ye are the husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the gift of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon.

Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. No other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in his own craftiness. And indeed, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

He shall follow the Sermon, or an Address suitable to the occasion, after which the contributions of the people shall be received.

Then shall the Minister, standing by the stone, exhibit to the Congregation a vessel to be placed in an excavation of the stone. [It may contain a copy of the Bible, the Hymn Book, the Discipline, Church Records of recent date, the names of the Pastor, Trustees, and

Building Committee of the Church, with such other documents and articles as may be desired. A list of these may be read.] which the person thereto appointed shall deposit the vessel in the and cover it; and shall lay the stone, assisted by the builder, say

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I lay this corner-stone for the foundation of a house to be builded and consecrated to the service of Almighty God, according to the order and usages of the Methodist Church. AMEN.

The service may conclude with extempore prayer and the benediction.

X.

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH.

504. FORM FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH.

The Congregation being assembled in the Church, the Minister shall say,

DEARLY BELOVED: The Scriptures teach us that God is well pleased with those who build temples to His glory. We have heard how He filled the temple of Solomon with His glory, and how in the second temple He manifested Himself still more gloriously. Let us not doubt that He will approve our purpose of dedicating this house to the performance of the several offices of religious worship. let us now devoutly join in praise to Almighty God that this godly undertaking hath been so far completed; and let us pray for His further blessing upon all who have engaged therein, and upon all who shall hereafter be engaged in this place.

an appropriate Hymn be sung, and extempore prayer be offered, the Congregation all kneeling during the prayer.

Then shall the Minister, or some one appointed by him, read :

The First Lesson. 2 Chron. vi. 1, 2, 18-21, 40-42 ; vii. 1-4.

Then said Solomon, The Lord hath said that He would dwell in the thick darkness. But I have built an house of habitation for Thee, and a place for Thy dwelling forever. But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? hold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! Have respect, therefore, to the prayer of Thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which Thy servant prayeth before Thee: that Thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof Thou hast said Thou wouldst put Thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant prayeth toward this place. Hearken, therefore, unto the supplications of Thy servant, and of Thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear Thou from Thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when Thouarest, forgive.

Now, my God, let, I beseech Thee, Thine eyes be open, and let Thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. Now therefore arise, O Lord God, into Thy resting place, Thou, and the ark of Thy strength: let Thy rests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let Thy saints rejoice in goodness. O Lord God, turn not away the face of Thine anointed: remember the mercies of David Thy servant.

Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house. And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the Lord, saying, For He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the Lord.

The Second Lesson. Heb. x. 19-26.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; and having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for He is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

shall a hymn be sung, after which the Minister shall deliver a Sermon suitable to the occasion, and after the Sermon the contributions of the people shall be received.

shall the Minister read the following Psalm, or the Minister and the Congregation shall read it alternately; the parts in italics to be read by the Congregation:

PSALM CXXII.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the use of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,

Unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the use of the Lord.

For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the use of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

They shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls,

And prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God. I will seek thy use.

let the Trustees stand up before the Minister, and one of them, or some one in their behalf, say unto him,

We present unto you this building, to be dedicated as a arch for the worship and service of Almighty God.

Then shall the Minister request the Congregation to stand, and repeat the following

DECLARATION :

DEARLY BELOVED: It is meet and right, as we learn from the Holy Scriptures, that houses erected for the worship of God should be specially set apart and dedicated to religious uses. For such a dedication we are assembled. With gratitude, therefore, to Almighty God who has signally blessed His servants in their holy undertaking to erect this church, we dedicate it to His service, to the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the holy sacraments, and all other exercises of religious worship and service, according to the discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church. And, as the dedication of the temple is vain without the solemn consecration of the worshippers also, I now call upon you all to dedicate yourselves anew to the service of God. To Him let our souls be dedicated, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ. To Him let our bodies be dedicated, that they may be fit temples for the dwelling of the Holy Ghost. To Him let our labors and talents be dedicated, that their fruit may tend to the glory of His great name, and to the advancement of His Kingdom. And that He may graciously accept this our solemn dedication, we pray.

The Congregation kneeling, the Minister shall offer the following prayer:

O most glorious Lord, we acknowledge that we are unworthy to offer unto Thee anything belonging unto

beseech Thee, in Thy great goodness, graciously to accept the dedication of this place to Thy service, and to prosper the work of our hands; receive the prayers and intercession of all Thy servants who shall call upon Thee in this use; and give them grace to prepare their hearts to serve Thee with reverence and godly fear; affect them with an awful apprehension of Thy divine majesty, and a deep sense of their own unworthiness; that so approaching Thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before Thee with pure hearts, bodies undefiled, and minds sanctified, they may always perform a service acceptable to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Regard, O Lord, the supplication of Thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated to Thee in this use by baptism, may be found at last in the number of Thy faithful children. AMEN.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, may come to that holy ordinance with true repentance, faith, and charity; and being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His death. AMEN.

Grant, O Lord, that by Thy holy Word, read and preached in this place, and by the Holy Spirit grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may receive power to perform the same. AMEN.

Now therefore arise, O Lord, and come unto this place Thy rest, Thou, and the ark of Thy strength. Let Thine house be open toward this house day and night; and let

Thine ears be attent to the prayers of Thy chil
they shall offer unto Thee in this place : and d
them from heaven, Thy dwelling place, and
hearest, forgive. O Lord, we beseech Thee, th
elsewhere Thy ministers may be clothed with ri
and Thy saints rejoice in Thy salvation. And
with Thy people everywhere, grow up into a ho
the Lord, and be at last received into the ho
with hands, eternal in the heavens. And to
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be glory and
without end. AMEN.

The services may conclude with the Doxology and the

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ES OF STUDY FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.*

Following Curricula were adopted for the ensuing
minium, to take effect after the Annual Conferences,

505. I. ORDINARY COURSE.

PRELIMINARY.

OLOGICAL.

esley's Sermons, I. to XX. (Burwash).

ew Testament History (Smith).

ethodist Catechism (1898).

*Study of New Testament
with quotations.
(since 1902)*

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idates for the ministry shall be required to present
ertificate or other evidence of matriculation (with
ek option) into a Canadian or other British Uni-
or (b) an equivalent from one of our own col-
rovided that a matriculated student who has not
Greek shall be required to pass a satisfactory

al Catalogue of Books on the Course of Study may be had on applica-
Book Rooms at Toronto, Montreal or Halifax.

examination on White's *Beginner's Greek Book* Exercises included; (c) provided, moreover, that where necessities of the work demand, an Annual Conference may, by a two-thirds vote, on recommendation of Examining Board and District Meeting, admit a candidate on his passing the following special preliminary examination:

Special Preliminary Course for non-Matriculant admitted by a two-thirds vote of an Annual Conference on recommendation of the Conference Board of Exam

1. Arithmetic—Simple Rules, Fractions, Percentage and commercial Problems.
2. Euclid—Book I.
3. English Grammar—Composition (Lewis' First Book in English), with an Essay written at the time of examination. Special attention will be given to Spelling, Punctuation and Correctness of Expression.
4. Outlines of Political and Physical Geography. Special attention being given to the Geography of the British Empire.
5. English and Canadian History (High School History or recommended). Outlines of Grecian and Roman History follows: Grecian History to the Battle of Charonea; History to the Death of Augustus. (Smith's or Short History of Greece and Rome.)
6. Brooke's Outlines of English Literature—Macaulay's Essay on Milton; Scott's Lady of the Lake.
7. Greek Grammar—White's Beginners' Greek Book, the Exercises included.

FIRST YEAR (ON A CIRCUIT).

1. English Bible Study.
The Gospels according to Matthew, Mark and Luke. Buell's Synoptic Gospels.
2. Old Testament History.
Smith's Old Testament History, Macoun's The Holy Land in History and in Geography.

ek Testament.

The Sermon on the Mount (Cambridge Greek Testament for Colleges).

sology—The Doctrines of Methodism.

Wesley's Sermons, I. to LII. (Burwash).

Shaw's Digest.

Wesley on Christian Perfection.

Steele's Antinomianism and Fletcher's Last Check (on Christian Perfection).

miletics. A Written Sketch* and a previously prepared written sermon.

SECOND YEAR (ON A CIRCUIT).

glish Bible Study.

Acts of the Apostles, with Watson's Apostolic Age and Moulton's Old World and New Faith.

ek Testament.

St. John, I. to X. (Cambridge Greek Testament).

sology.

Banks' Manual of Christian Doctrine.

urch History.

Methodism to the death of Wesley (Stevens).

Canadian Methodism. The Centennial Volume or History, by Rev. T. Watson Smith.

miletics and Practical Theology.

A Written Sketch* and a previously prepared written sermon.

Blakie, For the Work of the Ministry.

The Discipline of the Methodist Church.

THIRD YEAR (ON A CIRCUIT).

glish Bible Study.

The Epistles of Paul, with introduction by Findlay.

ek Testament.

St. Mark's Gospel (Cambridge Greek Testament).

sology.

The Design and Use of Holy Scripture (Randles).

The New Life in Christ (Beet).

Each of Sermon to be prepared on one of three texts designated by Exam-
the time of Examination. Value of Sketch or Sermon to be reported in the
standing.

4. Church History.
 (A Concise History of Missions (Bliss).
 Modern Church History (Slater). *Hennin Lon. Miss. aft.*)
5. Homiletics and Practical Theology.
 A Written Sketch* and a previously prepared written
 Sunday Schools (Trumbull's Yale Lectures).

FOURTH YEAR (AT COLLEGE).

1. Theology.
 Systematic.
 Historical.
 NOTE.—Hebrew may be taken instead of Historical Theol
2. Hermeneutics.
3. Greek Testament.
 New Testament Introduction.
 Romans (Burwash).
4. Church History.
 To the Reformation.
5. Logic.
 University Pass Course.
6. Psychology.
 University Pass Course.
7. Rhetoric.
 University Pass Course.
8. Homiletics and Pastoral Theology.
 Lectures on the Composition and Delivery of Sermons.
 Practical Exercises.

FIFTH YEAR (AT COLLEGE).

1. Theology.
 Systematic.
 Historical.
 NOTE.—Hebrew may be substituted for Historical Theol
2. Greek Testament.
 Hebrews.
3. Old Testament Introduction.

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COURSE OF STUDY.

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ash Bible Study.
he Pentateuch.
ch History.
he Reformation (Fisher).
a.
niversity Pass Course.
ygetics.
heism.
hristian Evidences.
ical Science or Christian Ethics.
ical Theology.
hurch Polity and Discipline.
ractical Exercises in Homiletics.

06. II. COURSE FOR GRADUATES IN ARTS.

PRELIMINARY.

esley's Sermons, I. to LII. (Burwash).
he Catechism of the Methodist Church (1898).
ew Testament History (Smith).

r the Preliminary Course, Probationers who are
es in Arts may take either the course prescribed
degree of B.D. in any of our Theological Colleges,
ollowing, one year of which, including Homiletics
hurch Polity and Discipline, must be taken at
. Examinations in the following shall be conducted

Connexional Colleges. For this purpose every
e who is a Probationer on a Circuit must have his
ttached by the Stationing Committee to the College,
h he is to be examined.

FIRST YEAR.

ygetics.
heism (Bowne).
hristian Evidences (Beet's Credentials and Temple's Re-
ligion and Science).

COURSE OF STUDY.

2. Systematic Theology, Part I.—(Lectures or Miley, Vol. I.)
3. New Testament Exegesis—First year B.D., or Gospel of Matthew and John.
4. Hermeneutics.
5. New Testament Introduction and Canon—(Dods' Introductory and Westcott on Canon).
6. Fletcher's Last Check (on Christian Perfection) and Antinomianism.
7. Old Testament History (Smith, Macoun's Holy Land in Geography and in History).
8. Old Testament Exegesis, first year B.D., or English Bible of the Pentateuch.
9. Homiletics—Lectures.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Systematic Theology, Part II.—(Lectures or Miley, Vol. II.)
2. Christian Ethics (Newman Smyth).
3. New Testament Exegesis—Romans (Burwash).
4. Church History, to the Reformation (Fisher or Kurtz).
5. New Testament Theology—Second year B.D., Lectures of Weiss, Vol. I, pp. 1 to 274; Vol. II., pp. 150 to 310.
6. Old Testament Exegesis, second year B.D., or English Bible Study, Samuel and Kings.
7. Old Testament Introduction.
8. Homiletic Exercises.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Historical Theology, Lectures or Sheldon.
2. Comparative Religion—China and Japan (Douglas & Davidson, S.P.C.K.).
3. New Testament Exegesis.
Hebrews (Davidson).
4. Church History, The Reformation (Fisher), History of Methodism (Stevens), and The Centennial Volume, or T. V. Smith's History.
5. Old Testament Theology—Second year B.D., Lectures or Old Testament Parts II. and III.

miletics and Elocution.

Lectures and Exercises.

ctical Theology.

The Discipline, Church Polity.

Lectures, with Bigg's Organization of the Christian Church.

History of Missions (Bliss).

Yale Lectures on Sabbath Schools (Trumbull).

order, texts and methods of treatment will be those used
several colleges in which the examinations will be conducted.
is required that students must pass an examination on
y's Sermons, Stevens' History of Methodism, and the Dis-
, unless they have previously passed on these subjects.

507. III. FRENCH COURSE.

Grammaire Française et Composition.

Arithmétique et Géographie.

Histoire Universelle (Duruy).

Catéchisme Méthodiste, No. II.

Articles de Religion et Règles Générales de l'Eglise Method-
iste.

Première Année.

Vie de Jean Wesley (Lelievre).

Voie du Salut (Wesley).

Perfection Chrétienne (Wesley).

Manuel de la Bible (Angus), 1^{re} Partie, Chaps. I. à III.

Etude Biblique (Godet), Vol. I.

Histoire de la Réformation (D'Aubigné), Vol. I.

Epître de St. Jacques (Chapuis). On requiert la lecture des
sermons de Wesley, 1^{re} Serie, No. 1. à XXVI.

Deuxième Année.

Manuel de la Bible (Angus), 1^{re} Partie, Chaps. IV. à VII.

Etude Biblique (Godet), Vol. II.

3. In Sunday School Work.
4. In Evangelistic Work.
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 - (b) Preparing Bible Readings.
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 7. Nursing.
 8. The Eye and the Teeth.
- (10) Lectures—
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 2. On Temperance.
 3. On Mission Fields.
- (11) Drill in Physical Culture.

The Board of Management may vary the Course to meet the circumstances of individual students and the needs of the Training School when deemed advisable.

SECOND YEAR.

The second year's reading shall consist of the Life of Stalker, Makers of Methodism (Withrow), Women and the Church (Stevens), History of Canada (Clement), New Era (Stearns), Cities and their Problems (Loomis), Socialism and Social Reform (Behrends).

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APPENDIX III.

THE BASIS OF UNION.

BETWEEN

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA, THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA, THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA, AND THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, AS ADOPTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE CONFERENCES.

I. DOCTRINES, GENERAL RULES, ORDINANCES, ETC.

The Doctrinal Basis of the United Church shall be the standards of Doctrine and Articles of Religion contained in the Book of Discipline of the Methodist Church of Canada, edition of 1879, from p. 13 to p. 21. That portion of the Book of Discipline of the said Methodist Church of Canada, edition of 1879, from p. 21 to p. 33, referring to general Rules, Ordinances, Reception of Members, and Means of Grace, is also adopted as a part of the Basis.

II. CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

1. *The General Conference.*

There shall be a Quadrennial General Conference, composed of an equal number of Ministerial and Lay delegates, elected as hereinafter provided, with power to

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make rules and regulations for the entire ("Annual Conferences," par. 9.)

2. No change shall be made in the Basis affecting constitutional questions, or the privileges of Ministry or Laity, excepting by a majority of the General Conference, and, in either order of Ministry or Laity, a two-third each order, voting separately.

3. There shall be one or more Itinerant General Superintendents elected by the General Conference, for the term of eight years. But if it be the meeting of the General Conference after Union, one of them shall be elected for four years only, so that there may be a re-election every four years.

4. A General Superintendent shall preside at the Sessions of the General Conference, and over the Committees of the same.

2. Annual Conferences.

1. The territory occupied by the Church shall be divided into Conferences as the General Conference may from time to time direct.

2. Each Annual Conference shall be composed of Ministers in full connection within its bounds, and a number of Laymen, elected as elsewhere provided for in "District Meetings," par. 6.)

3. Laymen elected shall have the right to attend all ordinary Sessions of the Annual Conference, and vote on all questions, except the examination

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al character and qualification; the Reception, by vote, probationers into full connection, and their Ordination; the granting of the Superannuated or Supernumerary tion, on which exceptive questions Ministers alone shall action. In case any Minister's character shall be sted, it shall be competent for the ministerial members meet in Special Session to examine into the case and ource judgment, reporting their action to the Mixed ference,—such report to be for information and record, not for discussion.

Each Annual Conference shall have authority to elect resident from among its ministerial members.

The General Superintendent, when present, shall open Annual Conference, and preside during the first day of Sessions, and afterward alternately with the President ed by the Conference. In the absence of a General erintendent, the President of the previous year shall the Chair and open the Conference. In association the President, the General Superintendent shall con- the Ordination Service, and they shall jointly sign the ination Parchments. But all other duties pertaining to presidency of the Annual Conference shall be vested in President elected by that body, and in the absence of General Superintendent he shall conduct the Ordination rice.

The President of the Annual Conference shall be, *officio*, Superintendent of the District in which he may be ioned during the year of his presidency.

The Annual Conference shall elect by ballot, without ate, a Secretary or Secretaries as the case may require.

8. The Annual Conference shall elect by ballot, after debate, a Superintendent for each District from among the ordained Ministers within the bounds of such District.

9. Each Annual Conference, at the Session next preceding the Session of each General Conference, shall hold Ministerial and Lay Electoral Conferences, for the purpose of electing Delegates to the General Conference, and of electing its own Representatives. The Delegates elected from within the bounds of the said Conference shall vote by ballot.

10. Each Annual Conference shall have a Standing Committee, composed of the President of the Conference (who shall preside in the Committee), the Superintendent of Districts, and one Minister elected by each District Meeting, such election to be by the joint votes of Ministers and Laymen.

11. Each Annual Conference shall have authority to receive into full connection and ordain any Probationer within the bounds who has travelled four years and fulfilled all disciplinary requirements. Also, to elect and ordain Probationers of less than four years' standing, when the necessities of the work require it.

12. All preachers who have received ordination in the uniting bodies, and are in good standing at the time of the Union, shall retain all rights and privileges conferred by such ordination.

3. District Meetings.

1. The territory occupied by each Annual Conference shall be divided into Districts.

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Each Annual District Meeting shall consist of all the Ministers and Probationers for the Ministry within its bounds, and one Lay Delegate for each Minister or Probationer in the active work, from each Circuit, Mission, or Station throughout the District; said Delegates to be elected by the Quarterly Official Meetings as hereinafter provided.

Each District shall be under the Supervision of a presiding officer, to be called the District Superintendent, who shall be elected by the Annual Conference, as elsewhere provided. He shall preside in the District Meetings, oversee the temporal and spiritual interests of the Church in the District; and, with the Ministers and Probationers under his charge, shall administer and enforce the Discipline of the Church, being responsible therefor to the Annual Conference.

The District Superintendent shall fix the time and place of the *first* District Meeting; after which he shall fix the time, and the District Meeting shall fix the place. In the absence of the District Superintendent, the District Meeting shall elect from among its ministerial members, by ballot, without debate, a Chairman *pro tem*.

The examination of ministerial character shall be the business of the first day of the District Meeting, and shall be confined to the ministerial members alone.

The Lay Members of the District Meeting shall meet separately some time during the Session, and elect by ballot, without debate, Lay Representatives to the Annual Conference, in the proportion of one for each Minister in full connection within the bounds of the District. Laymen, to

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be eligible, must be at least twenty-five years of age; must have been members of the Church in good standing for the five consecutive years next preceding the election.

4. Quarterly Meetings.

1. There shall be a Quarterly Official Meeting of each Circuit, Mission, or Station, consisting of the Ministers, Probationers for the Ministry, the Local Preachers, Exhorters, the Circuit Stewards, the Leaders of Churches, Superintendents of Sabbath Schools (being members of the Church), one Representative from each Board of Christian Missions (he being a member of the Church); and also of such other Representatives who may have been appointed by the General Conference of the Circuit. The apportionment scale, and the mode of election, shall be arranged by the Fourth Quarterly Official Meeting of the year; but such additional Representatives shall not exceed the number of the Stewards of the Circuit.

2. The Superintendent of the Circuit shall be the Moderator of the Quarterly Official Meeting, except when the Superintendent of the District shall be present, in which case the latter may preside.

3. The Quarterly Official Meeting shall hear and decide on appeals; and receive and try appeals; recommend Candidates for the Ministry; manage and control Circuit finances; perform such other duties as the General Conference may from time to time determine.

4. The Quarterly Official Meeting shall, at its regular meeting of the year, elect by ballot, without the Lay Delegates to attend the ensuing Annual

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the proportion of one Delegate for each Minister
in the active work on the Circuit.

Regulations concerning the Licensing of Local
and Exhorters are referred to the first General

III. CHURCH PROPERTY.

the ratification of the Union, such legislation
shall vest in the United Church all property now
in trust for, the respective Churches entering
union.

It is probable that in some instances Church and
property now in use will not be required, after
for Church or Circuit purposes, it is recom-
mended that a Committee, consisting of the District Super-
intendent, two Ministers, and two Laymen, be appointed at
the Meeting on each District where any such pro-
perty be situated, who shall act conjointly with the
Circuit in determining what property
shall be retained for use, and what shall be sold.

In cases where such Church or Parsonage property
is sold, the proceeds arising from the sale may be

used for the payment of any debts or claims upon or in
connection with such property.

For the payment of any debts upon the property
formerly used by the Congregation formerly using the
property sold, or in building a new church or parsonage
necessary for the United Congregation.

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c. The balance, if any, to be applied, with that of the Trustees, to the use of the Church and Aid Fund of the United Church, in the Annual Report in which such property is situated.

NOTE.—The regulations contained in Clause 10, sub-sections, in so far as they apply to property of the Bible Christian Church, shall be subject to the regulations adopted in regard to Church funds respecting the Missionary Fund of said Church.

IV. CHURCH FUNDS.

1. *The Superannuation Fund.*

1. There shall be in the United Church a Superannuation Fund for the Western Conferences, and a numerary Ministers' Fund for the three Conferences of the Maritime Provinces, which funds shall, for the purpose, be under the management of separate Boards, as has been the practice in the Methodist Church of Canada. Any recommendation is deemed necessary in regard to the Superannuation Fund of the Eastern Conferences, the recommendation of the last year, save the final one, are to be understood as being solely to the Superannuation Fund of the Western Conferences.

2. The Methodist Church of Canada having contributed capital for the three Western Conferences of over \$1,000,000, it is agreed that the other Churches uniting with it shall contribute such an amount of capital to said Superannuation Fund as shall place their Ministers on an equality with those of the said three Western Conferences.

3. No change shall be made in regard to the

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Minister holding a permanent Superannuated relation at the present time (i.e., 1882); and they shall receive on the basis of their present claims as far as the annual income will allow.

Income arising from Annual Collections and Subscriptions in all Congregations of the United Church, Annual Subscriptions by Ministers of the same, and any amount appropriated from time to time out of the funds of the Missionary Society, shall be used in meeting payments of claimants on the Fund, without distinction.

Income arising from the invested capital now held by the Methodist Church of Canada for this Fund, and the amount annually received from the profits of the Toronto Book Room (until such time as the Publishing Interests of other uniting Churches shall be amalgamated, and their assets equalized with those of said Book Room), shall be applied exclusively for the benefit of the claimants on the Superannuation Fund now connected with the Methodist Church of Canada, and the claims of Ministers now in the active work of that Church who may become Superannuated in the Union.

The rule adopted above, in Clause 5, shall apply, in the case of the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, Bible Christian Churches, in regard to any Book Room or other assets available for their respective Superannuation Funds, until the amalgamation referred to in said clause is accomplished.

So soon as the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, or Bible Christian Churches shall furnish an amount of capital equal, in proportion, to that now held by the Methodist Church of Canada, the Superannuated Ministers

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of such uniting Churches, and those who may become annuities after Union, shall have a claim on the whole invested capital in common with those now Ministers of the Methodist Church of Canada.

8. If the income of any year shall not be sufficient to meet the claims in full, then all claimants shall share in the deficiency in proportion to the amount of their claims.

9. If any one of the three uniting Churches shall fail to provide its full proportion of invested capital, the Ministers of these Churches who are now, or may hereafter become, Superannuates shall draw in proportion to the amount of capital actually provided.

10. In case of failure by any of the Churches mentioned to provide invested capital, it shall be the duty for any Minister of such Churches to provide his share of such capital, and thereafter to draw from the proceeds of the investments in the same manner as the Superannuates of the present Methodist Church of Canada. The latter provision shall apply to any Minister of the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist, or Bible Christian Churches.

11. The principles embodied in the foregoing shall be applied in adjusting the relations to the Ministerial Fund of the three Eastern Conferences of any Ministers of the Bible Christian Church who may be included by the Union in any of the said Conferences.

NOTE. A Committee has been appointed, who shall employ an actuary if necessary, to make a careful estimate of the value of existing investments belonging to the Superannuation Funds and report at the first Conference.

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2. *The Missionary Fund.*

At the consummation of the Union there shall be a Missionary Fund for the whole Church.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of the South, having no debt, and the income and expenditure equal, no recommendation is necessary.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has a debt of \$10,000, incurred in the purchase of land and the erection of churches in Manitoba, the land being held by the Society as security for the debt. This debt is to be liquidated out of the assets of the Society at the consummation of the Union.

The Missionary Society of the Bible Christian Church has a debt of \$21,080, less about \$3,000 on which annuities are paid at 6 per cent. per annum, which annuities will gradually cease in a few years. As this debt was incurred for the purchase and erection of mission churches and parsonages, it is considered a legitimate claim against such property. It is therefore agreed that the next Annual Conference of the Bible Christian Church shall make arrangements to distribute the Missionary debt among the properties, to erect or purchase which said debt has been incurred. And in case any property belonging to the Bible Christian Church be sold, the proceeds, after paying the debts of the Trust, shall be applied to the reduction of said Missionary debt.

The above-mentioned debts being provided for as herein provided, the Churches included in the Union are to unite in the following terms.

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3. *The Contingent Fund.*

As the invested capital of the Contingent Fund Methodist Church in Canada belongs to the three Conferences of that Church, it is agreed that it is the said Conferences to propose a plan for dealing with investments, and report the same to the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada at the Special Conference to be held before the Union is consummated. As the said Conferences and Churches have no such invested capital, all further action on the subject is referred to the General Conference of the United Church.

4. *The Children's Fund.*

As there are no investments in connection with any of the Uniting Churches, it is agreed that the question be relegated to the first General Conference of the United Church to determine on what basis, if any, the Children's Fund shall be maintained.

V. BOOK AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

1. The Halifax Book Room and weekly paper continued as at present, on account of their geographical position.

2. The Toronto Book Room, with its various branches, will also be maintained; and no serious difficulty is apprehended in the way of consolidating the other publishing interests in the West at an early date after the Union is effected.

3. As the assets of the Book and Publishing Department of the Methodist Church of Canada, for the three

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ferences, are larger in proportion to the number of ministers in those Conferences than the similar assets of any of the other contracting parties, it is agreed that each minister of the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, and Bible Christian Churches, entering into the Union, shall pay into the general Publishing Fund such a sum as shall make his interest equal to the *per capita* interests of the Ministers of the three Western Conferences aforesaid.

4. In equalizing the *per capita* interest as above, payments may be made in cash, or by notes payable in one or two years from the date of Union; such notes to bear interest at six per cent. per annum.

VI. EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

1. The Methodist Church of Canada and the Methodist Episcopal Church have a number of Educational Institutions in successful operation. The Primitive Methodist and Bible Christian Churches have no such institutions in this country.

2. The Educational Institutions in the Maritime Conferences present no difficulty in the way of Union, and no change is recommended in their present relations.

3. In regard to the Western Conferences, it is believed that those institutions which possess University powers can be consolidated, to the honor of their graduates, and the advantage of their educational work.

4. It is recommended that the United Churches adhere to the traditional policy of Methodism in regard to education, believing that the best interests of the Church and education imperatively demand that our Colleges and

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Universities should be under the fostering of the Church.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. *Composition of the First General Conference.*

The General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, having authorized the calling of a Special Conference in 1883 to give effect to the Union, provided a basis is secured, it is recommended :

1. That in case the Basis of Union is approved by requisite majorities in the Quarterly Meetings and Annual Conferences of the Churches proposing to unite, the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, and Bible Societies, to elect Delegates to the first General Conference of the United Church, in the proportion of one Delegate for every ten Ministers in full connection, with an equal number of laymen, elected in Annual Conference or District Meeting, in the case may be ; and these, together with the members composing the present General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, meeting in Joint Session after the body shall have closed the Special Session above mentioned, shall compose the first General Conference of the United Church, with power to perform such Acts as may be necessary to the final ratification of the Union, and other Acts which come within the province of the General Conference.

2. The Annual Conferences and District Meetings of the Methodist Church of Canada shall have authority to fill vacancies that may have occurred in their Districts, either lay or clerical, by the usual mode of election.

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2. Expenses of General Conference.

When the Basis of Union be approved, it is recommended that the various Annual Conferences make provision for setting up a collection in every congregation for the expenses of the first General Conference.

3. Transfer of Ministers.

The Joint Committee recommend to the first General Conference the matter of making provision for the transfer of ministers from one Conference to another, so as to give suitable facilities for meeting the wants of the work.

4. Time of First General Conference.

When the event of the Basis of Union being approved, it is recommended that the first General Conference of the Church be held in the Methodist Episcopal Tabernacle in the City of Belleville, on the first Wednesday in October, 1883, commencing at nine o'clock in the fore-

5. Name.

The adoption of a name for the United Church is referred to the first General Conference; but the Committee recommend that it be called "The Methodist Church."

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AN ACT RESPECTING THE UNION OF CERTAIN METHODIST CHURCHES THEREIN NAMED.

[Assented to 19th April, 1884.]

Preamble. WHEREAS the Methodist Church of Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada, and the Bible Christian Church of Canada, have agreed to unite under the name of "The Methodist Church," on the Basis of Union adopted by the said four denominations—which said Basis of Union is set forth in Schedule A of this Act, and the rules, regulations and discipline also adopted by the said four denominations in a General Convention or Conference assembled at the City of Belleville on the fifth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three; and whereas the said four denominations have, by petition, set forth that they are desirous of having the said Union ratified, and that they may be incorporated under the name of "The Methodist Church," with power to hold all the property, real and personal, belonging to the said four denominations, upon the trusts and for the purposes hereinafter set out; and whereas it is

pedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: There-
 e Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the
 nate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as fol-
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 rporated.

1. The Reverend Samuel Dwight Rice, D.D.,
 President of the General Conference of the
 Methodist Church of Canada, the Reverend Albert Carman,
 D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada,
 the Reverend J. Goodman, President of the Primitive
 Methodist Church in Canada, the Reverend W. Pascoe,
 President of the Bible Christian Church of Canada, and the
 Reverend Alexander Sutherland, D.D., Secretary of the
 Joint Committee on Union, and all members of the said
 General Convention or Conference, together with all other
 persons who now are ministers or members of any one of
 the said four denominations, or who, under the said Basis of
 Union, rules, regulations and discipline, are now or may
 hereafter become members of the said Methodist Church,
 are hereby constituted and declared to be a body corporate
 and politic, by the name of "The Methodist
 Church."

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2. The objects of the said corporation are as
 set out in the said Basis of Union, rules, regula-
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 be evidence.

3. All copies of the said Basis of Union,
 rules, regulations and discipline, or any amend-
 ments or alteration thereof published in any book of dis-
 cipline or journal of conference under the direction or
 authority of the General Conference of the said Church, or

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a copy of any by-law or resolution of the said General Conference, under the seal of the corporation, and signed by the secretary, shall be *prima facie* evidence in all cases of the contents thereof.

Powers of Corporation as to real or personal estate now held by the four denominations.

4. All the estate, real and personal, belonging to, held in trust for or to the use of the said denominations or any of them, or belonging to, held in trust for or to the use of any congregation or congregation of any of the four denominations, shall henceforth be held and vested in the said corporation and shall be used and administered for the benefit of the said Methodist Church.

Certain property vested in the corporation in trust.

5. All the property, real and personal, belonging to, held in trust for or to the use of any congregation, or congregation of any of the four denominations, is hereby vested in the said Corporation, and shall be held for the use of such congregation or congregations, circuit, station or mission in connection with the said Methodist Church upon the trusts and subject to the provisions set forth in Schedule B of this Act; and all lands and premises acquired by or for the said corporation for a church, chapel, meeting house, parsonage, school building or burial ground in connection with any congregation or congregations, circuit, station or mission, shall be used and administered upon the said trusts, and the trustees thereof shall hold, use and administer the same in trust for the said corporation upon the trusts set forth in the said schedule.

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of Schedule B, as to interpretation of certain agents. **6.** In any deed or conveyance to said trustees the form of words contained in column one of the said Schedule B and distinguished by number therein, shall be taken to be equivalent to form of words contained in column two of the said Schedule B and distinguished by the said number.

Appointment and removal of officers and servants, and making alterations, &c. **7.** Subject to the provisions of the said Basis of Union, the said corporation may, from time to time, appoint and, as they see occasion, remove all officers, agents and servants, and from time to time, make, alter or vary any by-laws, rules and regulations touching and concerning the time and place of holding meetings and notices thereof, and for the good ordering, discipline and government of the said Church, and the performance of divine worship in any of the churches of the said corporation, and all matters respecting the same, and all other matters and things which to them seem good, and useful for the well ordering, governing and advancement of the said Church.

Wards and Committees for certain purposes. **8.** The said corporation may appoint boards or committees composed of the members thereof, to take charge of or deal with and dispose of the respective funds, including book and publishing interests and other interests, belonging to the said Church, as set out in the Basis of Union and in accordance therewith, and may establish such other funds as may be deemed expedient, and may appoint boards or committees of the members of the said corporation to take charge of, deal with and dispose of the said funds so formed, in accordance with the provisions of the said Basis of Union.

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Gifts of real estate for the use of the corporation.

9. Subject to the provisions hereinbefore contained, the said corporation may receive voluntary conveyances purchase, hold and convey such real estate as of the said corporation require: If the corporation shall, within ten years acquisition of any such real estate, dispose of and alienate so much of such as is not required for the use and occupation purposes of the corporation.

Real and personal estate may be acquired by devise.

10. Subject to the provisions section five hereinbefore contained corporation shall be capable of taking and receiving any real or personal estate by devise contained in any last will and testament son whatever: Provided always that the devise of real estate shall be subject to the rules of law respecting devises of real estate to religious corporations in force at the time of such devise, in the Province where such real estate is situated, so far as the same may apply to the said corporation.

As to disposal of such estate.

11. The said corporation shall have power to alienate, exchange, demise, let or lease for any term of years such messuages, lands, tenements and immovable property as shall be granted, purchased, appropriated, devised or bequeathed to the said corporation for all or any of the purposes subject to the proviso in section nine contained

12. The said corporation shall have power to make advances, by way of loan or gift, out of funds not required to meet ordinary expenses and disbursements, to assist in the erection or maintenance of colleges, schools, or parsonages, as the General Conference or committee having charge of the fund may direct; and may take or hold any real or personal estate or securities thereon, mortgaged or assigned to the said corporation to secure payment of such loan, or to secure payment of any debts or demands due to the said corporation, and may proceed on such mortgages, assignments or securities for the recovery of the money thereby due either at law or in equity or otherwise: and generally may pursue the same course, exercise the same powers, and take and use the same remedies to secure the payment of any debt or demand due to the said corporation as any individual or body corporate may, by law, make or use for like purpose.

13. The said corporation may, for the purpose of investment, lend money upon the security of real estate, purchase debentures of municipal or public school corporations, or Dominion or Provincial stock or securities, may sell any such securities as may seem advisable, and for that purpose may execute assignments or other instruments as are necessary for carrying the same into effect; and for such purposes of investment, may make advances to any person or persons or body corporate upon any of the above mentioned securities at such rate of interest, not exceeding five per cent. per annum, as is agreed upon: *Provided,*

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Proviso. . . however, that nothing in this shall be construed to limit the power of such make such investments of its capital or which it otherwise has by virtue of its corpor

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poration.

14. The said corporation sha to borrow any sum or sums o banks or other corporations, of from private the opinion of the General Conference or the mittee having charge of any of the funds c poration, may be required for the purpose may, under the direction of the said General committee having charge of such fund, hyp gage or pledge so much of the real or persona in trust for such fund as is necessary to secu sums of money so borrowed.

Provision as to
trusts.

15. The real and personal p may become vested in the sai and which heretofore has been held by or any one of the said churches or denominati special trust for missionary or other purpo ject to the provisions of the Basis of Union, t directed by the General Conference, on the board or committee having charge of the fund similar trusts and for similar purposes.

Duplicate seal
for each confer-
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and use thereof.

16. The said corporation m duplicate of the seal thereof fo annual conferences from time to and the custody of the said seal shall be as m

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The said corporation, and the same may be affixed by officers as the said General Conference by by-law or resolution directs; and until direction by the said General Conference, the same may be affixed to any conveyance of property within the bounds of any of the said annual conferences by the president or secretary of such annual conference, and may, for the purpose of conveying any property in charge of any board or committee of the said corporation, be affixed by the chairman of the said board or committee, or such other officer as the board or committee directs.

in resolutions to have force of by-laws. **17.** All resolutions passed by the General Conference of the said corporation shall have the same force and effect of by-laws, and no formal by-law shall be required for the purpose of managing the affairs of the said corporation.

no debts secured on property transferred to the corporation. **18.** The said corporation in receiving, taking or holding any property heretofore held by any of the said four denominations, shall not in anywise become responsible or liable for the debts or obligations which have been contracted in respect thereto, but the property specially charged with the said debts, and persons who have become liable in respect to the said debts or obligation, shall remain liable in the same manner and to the same degree as if the said union had not been effected, or said Act had not been passed, save in so far as the said corporation, by the Basis of Union, has undertaken the payment of any such debts or obligations.

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**Basis of Union
adopted at Belle-
ville confirmed
and declared
binding.**

19. The said Basis of Union said four denominations, and the tions and discipline also adopted four denominations in the said General Convention held at the said City of Belleville declared to be binding on the said corporations and members thereof, until the same shall have varied in accordance with the provisions thereof and the officers and boards of management at said General Conference or Convention are hereby invested with the powers sought or declared upon them by the said Convention or Conference.

**Certain rights
saved.**

20. Nothing in this Act shall prejudice or affect any existing rights in the superannuation fund of any of the said denominations, or any cause of action in respect thereof.

**Commencement
of Act.**

21. This Act shall come into force on the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four; nevertheless, the annual conference of the said four denominations which have not met on the said date, may meet during the said month to complete the business of the year.

**Repeal of
inconsistent
enactments.**

22. All Acts and portions of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed, in so far as may be necessary to give effect to this Act.

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SCHEDULE B.

(Referred to in Section 5 above.)

Upon trust to build a church or other building, 1. Upon trust that they, the said trustees and their successors, or the trustee or trustees for the time being, acting in the trusts herein, shall and do, with and out of the moneys now or which may hereafter be possessed by them or him for that purpose, and as soon as conveniently may be, erect and build upon the land held in trust, or any part thereof, and from time to time and at all times hereafter, whenever it shall be necessary for the due accomplishment of the trusts or any of them, repair, alter, enlarge and rebuild a church or place of religious worship, and a dwelling house or dwelling houses, vestry room or vestry rooms, school room or school rooms and other places, conveniences and appurtenances, or with or without any of them respectively, as the trustees for the time being shall, from time to time, deem necessary or expedient.

To permit buildings to be used as a church of the Methodist Church. 2. And upon further trust, from time to time and at all times after the erection thereof, to permit and suffer the said church or place of religious worship, with the appurtenances, to be used, occupied and enjoyed as and for a place of religious worship by a congregation of the Methodist Church, and for public and other meetings and services of a religious or spiritual character, held according to the rules, discipline and general usages of the said church, and do and shall, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, permit and suffer such person or persons as are hereinafter mentioned or designated, and such person or persons only, to preach and expound God's Holy Word, and to perform the usual acts of religious worship therein and burial service in the burying ground hereto belonging; that is to say, such person and persons as shall, from time to time, approved and for that purpose duly appointed hereto in accordance with the rules and discipline of the said Methodist Church, and no other person or persons whomsoever.

To permit selling house said premises be used by minister in charge. 3. And upon further trusts, from time to time and at all times hereafter, to permit and suffer such minister or ministers of the aforesaid Methodist Church to reside in, use, occupy and enjoy, free from the payment of any rent for the same, the dwelling house or dwelling houses, with the appurtenances (if any there be) erected thereon for that purpose, during such time

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and times as the said minister or ministers shall be authorized so to do, by his or their being appointed with the rules and discipline of the said Methodist circuit or station in which the same may be situated, let, suit, hindrance, or denial of the said trustees, or persons on their or any of their behalf; and it is that the times and manner of the various services of religious worship to be observed and performed of religious worship, shall be regulated according to discipline and general usage of the Methodist Church officiating minister for the time being, whether a said conference, or permitted or appointed by the said minister for the time being, or otherwise permitted, as in these presents is mentioned, shall have the conducting of the same worship, in conformity, nevertheless, to the said rules and discipline and general usage of the Church: Provided always, that no person or persons shall at any time hereafter be permitted to preach the Holy Word, or to perform any of the usual acts of religion upon the said parcel or tract of land and hereditaments, or place of religious worship and premises, or any part or parts thereof, or in or upon the premises thereto belonging, or any of them, or any part thereof, who shall maintain, promulgate or teach any doctrine contrary to what is contained in certain notes on the commonly reputed to be the notes of John Wesley, four volumes of sermons commonly reputed to be published by him.

4. To permit Sunday schools to be carried on in said church. 4. And upon further trust, in case school rooms shall be erected or provided upon the said parcel or tract of land, or any part thereof, as aforesaid, or if there shall be no separate school rooms, and it shall, by the said trustees, be thought necessary or expedient to have a Sunday school in any proper part of the said church for religious worship, then to permit and suffer a Sunday school to be held, conducted and carried on from time to time in or school rooms, or if it shall be thought necessary to have a Sunday school in the said church or place of religious worship, as aforesaid, in the said church or place of religious worship, but if in the said church or place of religious worship only at such hours and times as shall not interfere with the worship of Almighty God therein, and in all cases, to observe the orders and regulations of the General Conference of

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ist Church have directed or appointed, or shall hereafter, from time to time, direct or appoint, and also subject always to the proviso hereinbefore contained respecting doctrines.

5. To take down and remove buildings and to rebuild.

5. Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the said trustees, or the major part of them, when and so often as they shall deem the same necessary or expedient, to take down and remove the said church, vestry room or vestry rooms, school room or school rooms, dwelling house or dwelling houses, offices, conveniences or appurtenances to the said church or place of religious worship, or premises belonging or appertaining, or all or any of them, or any part or parts thereof, respectively, for the purpose of rebuilding the said church or place of religious worship, or for the purpose of rebuilding any other vestry room or vestry rooms, school room or school rooms, dwelling house or dwelling houses, offices, or conveniences or appurtenances, or enlarging or altering the same respectively, or all or any of them, so as to render the premises better adapted to and for the due accomplishment of the trusts, intents and purposes of these presents.

6. To mortgage.

6. It is hereby declared that from time to time and at all times hereafter it shall and may be lawful to and for the said trustees, or the major part of them, to mortgage, and for that purpose to appoint, convey and assure, in fee or for any term or terms of years, the said parcel or tract of land, church or place of religious worship, hereditaments and premises, or any part or parts thereof respectively, to any person or persons whomsoever for securing such sum or sums of money as may be requisite or necessary in or for the due execution and accomplishment of the trusts and purposes of these presents or any of them, according to the true intent and meaning thereof; but it is hereby declared that it shall not be incumbent upon any mortgagee or mortgagees, or upon any intended mortgagee or mortgagees of the said trust premises or any part or parts thereof, to inquire into the necessity, expediency or propriety of any mortgage or mortgages which shall be made or proposed to be made under or by virtue of these presents, nor shall anything in these presents contained, or which may be contained in any such mortgage or mortgages, extend or be construed to extend, (unless where the contrary shall, with the full knowledge and consent of the said trustees, or the major part of them, be therein actually expressed), to hinder, prevent or make unlawful the taking down, removing, enlarging or altering the said buildings and premises or any of them respectively, as in these presents before men-

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tioned and provided for in that behalf, nor in any manner prevent or interfere with the due execution of the trust of these presents or any of them, so long as such mortgagees, his, her or their heirs, executors, administrators shall not be in the actual possession, as such mortgagees of the hereditaments comprised or to be comprised in such mortgages, anything in these presents contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

7. To let pews and sittings and dwelling houses and to sell graves and tombs. 7. And upon further trust, from time to time and at all times hereafter, to let the pews and sittings and dwelling houses and to sell graves and tombs in such church or place of religious worship as shall be thought most expedient, and to let the same at such rent or reasonable rents (reserving as much as may be thought necessary or expedient) and to let the same at such other rent or reasonable rents (reserving as much as may be thought necessary or expedient) shall be any such dwelling house or dwelling houses or school rooms, or other building or buildings, or buildings erected and built as aforesaid, then to let the same at such other rent or reasonable rents (reserving as much as may be thought necessary or expedient) (other than such as shall or may have been erected and appropriated to the use and occupancy of the minister or ministers duly appointed to the circuit or station in which the same are situated), at a reasonable rent or reasonable rents, and to let the same as a cemetery or burial ground, to let vaults and to let the same at such reasonable rent or reasonable rents, or to sell graves at such reasonable price or reasonable prices, and to collect and receive the rents, profits and income to arise in any manner from the said premises (excepting moneys which shall, from time to time, arise from collections or subscriptions duly made thereunto for the rules and discipline and general usage of the said Church, for other purposes than the immediate purposes of the said trust estate) as, and when, the same shall, from time to time, become due and payable, but not (excepting as aforesaid) before the same shall be received from graves and tombstones, or from the quarter or half-yearly payments, or from any other source, may be thought most expedient: Provided always, that so often as such dwelling house or dwelling houses shall be erected for the express use of the minister or ministers of the said circuit or station shall not be required for the use of the said minister or ministers, it shall and may be lawful for the said trustees, with the advice and consent of the superintendent minister or ministers, to let the same and appropriate the same to the use thereof towards paying and satisfying the board of the said minister or ministers, or towards paying the rent of the same, or towards suitable and convenient residence or residences for the said minister or ministers.

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8. And it is hereby declared that the said trustees and trustee for the time being shall stand and be possessed of the money arising from the said rents, profits and income (except as aforesaid), upon trust, thereout to pay, in the first place such duties, taxes, rates and other outgoings (if any) as, from time to time, shall be lawfully payable in respect of the said premises or any part or parts thereof, and also the costs, charges and expenses of insuring and keeping insured the said trust premises against loss or damages in such sum or sums as the said trustees or the major part shall, from time to time, think proper or expedient, and in paying and keeping the said trust premises in good repair and condition; and likewise the interest of all principal moneys borrowed and then due and owing on security of the said trust premises on any part or parts thereof, by virtue of the trusts hereof, and to retain to and reimburse themselves respectively all costs, charges and expenses lawfully incurred and paid by them in or about the due execution of the trusts hereof or any of them, and in that place thereout to pay and discharge the necessary costs, charges and expenses, from time to time incurred in cleansing, repairing, lighting and attending to the said church or place of religious worship and premises, and generally to liquidate any debts, charges and incumbrances and expenses at any time lawfully incurred under or occasioned by the due execution of the trusts hereof or any of them, and not included in any of the provisions hereinbefore made.

9. And upon further trust, from time to time, to pay and apply any surplus money remaining after the due payment of all such lawful debts, costs, charges, interest, and incumbrances and expenses as aforesaid (but according to the rules and discipline of the said Methodist Church), for or towards the support of the minister or ministers, for the time being, respectively appointed by the said Conference or otherwise in or about the said, either on the circuit on which the said chapel or place of religious worship shall, for the time being, be situated, or on that or any other circuit or circuits, or in some other circuit or circuits for or towards the purpose of assisting or increasing the support of any other church or place of religious worship, or churches or places of religious worship, appropriated to the use of the said Methodist Church, or in building any new church or place of religious worship, or churches or places of religious worship, for the use of the said Methodist Church, and which shall be settled upon

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trusts, ends, intents and purposes similar hereto; or in and or giving to any of the general funds, objects or charities of Methodist Church; or for or towards all or any of the objects, funds or charities hereinbefore mentioned, in such as the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall, from time, think necessary or expedient; and it is hereby declared it shall be lawful for the said trustees, or the major part (although there shall not then be any such surplus money said), from time to time, to subscribe or give such sum or money as they shall think necessary or expedient, and which be conveniently spared from the funds of the said church or religious worship, for or towards all or any of the purposes, funds or charities aforesaid.

10. To appoint and remove stewards and treasurers. 10. And it is hereby declared that it shall be lawful for the said trustees, or the major part of them, from time to time, to convene and held, as hereinbefore mentioned, from time to time, and at all times hereafter at their meeting, to appoint any person or persons, of decent and sober and good reputation, to be a steward or stewards of the said church or place or religious worship, and at their will and pleasure to remove and dismiss such steward or stewards, or any of them; and the duty of the steward or stewards of the said church or place or religious worship shall be to see and attend to the conducting of the secular business and affairs of the said church or place of religious worship, under the direction and superintendence of the said trustees, or the major part of them; and also in like manner to appoint any proper person or persons to be a treasurer or treasurers of the funds of the said church or place of religious worship, and at their will and pleasure to remove and dismiss such treasurer or treasurers, or any of them.

11. To keep books of account and submit the same for audit. 11. And it is hereby declared that the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall themselves, or by their steward or stewards, treasurer or treasurers, keep a book or books of account, in which, from time to time, shall be plainly and regularly extended an account of every receipt and payment by them, him or any of them received or made, and of the debts and credits due to and owing from or in respect of the premises or any part or parts thereof, and also of all other matters, articles, matters and things necessary for the due explanation and understanding of the same book or books of account, and shall also in like manner keep a book or books of minutes of all trustee meetings from time to time held at the said church or place of religious worship.

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virtue of these presents and of the resolutions passed, and of all proceedings, acts and business had, taken and done thereat, and also of all documents, matters and things necessary for the due and full explanation and understanding of the same minutes, and all other things done in and about the execution of the trusts hereof; and shall and will from time to time, and at all seasonable times hereafter, upon the request of the superintendent minister, for the time being, of the circuit in which the said church or place of religious worship shall, for the time being, be situated, produce and show forth to him and to every person whom he shall desire to see the same, all and every such book or books of accounts and minutes, documents, articles, matters and things, and permit and suffer copies or abstracts of or extracts from them or any of them to be made and taken by the said superintendent minister or any person or persons whom he shall, from time to time, desire to make and take the same; and the said book and books of accounts and minutes, and all documents, articles, matters and things relating in any wise to the said trust premises, shall at least once in the year, and oftener, if the said superintendent shall at any time desire and shall give notice thereof in manner hereinafter mentioned, be regularly, upon a day to be appointed by the said superintendent for the time being, or with his concurrence, examined and audited by the superintendent and the circuit steward or circuit stewards, if more than one, for the time being, of the circuit in which the said church or place of religious worship shall, for the time being, be situate, at a meeting convened for that purpose; and of every such meeting fourteen days' notice in writing, specifying the time, place and purpose of such meeting, shall and may be given under the direction of the said superintendent for the time being, by any one or more of them, the said trustee or trustees for the time being, to each and every the other and others of them, the said trustees or trustee, circuit stewards and circuit steward, for the time being, and either personally served upon him and them respectively, or left for or sent by the post to him and them at his and their most usual place and places of abode or business; and in order to facilitate the auditing of the said accounts, minutes, documents, articles, matters and things, it shall be lawful for the said superintendent, circuit steward and circuit stewards for the time being as aforesaid, or either or any of them, to appoint in writing a deputy or deputies to act therein for them and him respectively, as aforesaid, and for that purpose any one or more of them may be the deputy or deputies of the other or others of them the said superintendent, circuit steward and circuit stewards; and it is hereby declared that the signatures of all of them the said auditors, deputies and deputy, or of the aggregate majority of them, written in the said book and books of accounts and minutes, respectively, shall be sufficient evi-

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dence that all the matters and things relating to the same, which were up to that time included in the accounts, minutes and documents, matters and things examined, audited and approved of, unless and except contrary shall be therein, by them or by the aggregate of them, in writing expressed.

12. And it is hereby declared that seven days' notice of a special meeting and convenient notice of other meetings of trustees shall be given. 12. And it is hereby declared that every purpose of taking into consideration of making any alteration of or any act of mortgage or sale of the said church or place of worship and premises, or any part or part thereof for contracting any debt upon, for or on account of (other than for the ordinary current expenses thereof), or for letting any such house or school room or school rooms, as aforesaid, or for fixing prices, or making or altering rules to ascertain the rent of such graves, tombs, pews and seats as aforesaid, or for the use of the funds or any part of the funds of the said church for religious worship (otherwise than for the due payment of the ordinary current expenses thereof), or for bringing or doing any action or actions, suit or suits, respecting the said trust premises or any parts thereof, or any matter relating to any one or more of the above purposes, shall be and shall be taken to be a special meeting; and of every such meeting seven days' notice in writing, specifying the time, place and purposes of such meeting, and signed by at least either of the said trustees or by the superintendent minister for the time being, shall be given to the other and others of them and him or her and the superintendent minister (unless where he is himself giving such notice), and either personally served upon them, or left for, or sent by the post to him and them, at his and their most usual place or places of abode or business for the purpose of transacting their ordinary business at the said church or place of religious worship and premises for any other purpose relating to these presents or trusts (except where seven days' notice is expressed or required before mentioned), a meeting of the said trustees may be called by the said superintendent for the time being, as aforesaid, and the same can be conveniently convened by notice in writing specifying the time and place of such meeting, given and served upon at least either two of the said trustees or by the said superintendent for the time being, and either personally served upon or sent by the post as aforesaid, to the other and others of them respectively at his and their most usual place or places

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as: Provided always, and it is hereby declared, that no
 ag held under or by virtue of these presents shall be invalid,
 resolutions thereof void or impeached, by reason that any
 notice or notices, as aforesaid, may not or shall not have reached
 id trustee or trustees who, at the time of any such meeting,
 ns to be out of the Province in which the lands and premises
 n trust are situated, or who or whose place or places of
 or business shall not be known to, and can not reasonably be
 or discovered by, the person or persons who is or are respec-
 , as aforesaid, authorized to give any such notice or notices as
 aid.

13. And it is hereby declared that at any meeting
 held under or by virtue of the trusts hereof, or any
 of them, the votes of the persons present and entitled
 to vote, or the votes of a majority of them, shall
 decide any question or matter proposed at such meet-
 ing and respecting which such votes shall be given ;
 and in case the votes shall be equally divided, then
 chairman of such meeting shall give the casting vote. And it
 hereby declared, that whenever it shall be thought necessary or
 cient to do anything in and by these presents directed, author-
 or made lawful to be done, the necessity or expediency of doing
 ame shall, in like manner, be decided by the persons present
 entitled to vote upon the question to be determined, or by the
 ity of them, and if there shall be an even division, then by such
 g vote as aforesaid ; and all acts and deeds done and executed
 suance of any such decision as aforesaid, at any such meeting
 resaid, shall be good, valid and binding on all persons entitled
 e at the meeting, who may be absent, or being present, may be
 minority, and on all other persons claiming under or in pur-
 e of these presents ; but no person (unless where the contrary
 reinbefore expressly mentioned) shall be allowed to vote in
 than one capacity at the same time or on the same question,
 gh holding more than one office at the same time in the said
 h, or in the same meeting.

14. And it is hereby declared that the " rules and
 discipline and general usage " of the said Methodist
 Church in these presents mentioned or referred to,
 are the rules and discipline of the said Church, as
 printed and published by authority of the said Con-
 ference, in a book entitled " Doctrines and Discipline
 of the Methodist Church," and the general usage and
 practice of the societies belonging to said Church,
 and such rules and regulations as may, from time to

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time, be made or adopted by the said General C printed and published in their journals, in accordance with the provisions contained in said book of discipline, but subject to the proviso respecting doctrines in these presents.

15. That the superintendent minister or his deputy shall be chairman of meetings of trustees, but in case of absence, trustees may appoint chairman.

15. Provided always, and it is hereby excepting where the contrary is in the pressly declared or provided for, the minister, for the time being, of the church in which the said church or place of residence shall, for the time being, be situated, thereunto from time to time by him appointed in writing, under his hand as chairman of, and shall preside at, and shall have a such superintendent minister, for and in all meetings by virtue of these presents; but in case the said minister for the time being, or his deputy to be as aforesaid, shall, at any time, neglect to attend at an as aforesaid, or if the superintendent minister, or pointed as aforesaid, shall attend but shall refuse to chairman, at any such meeting as aforesaid, or if the tendent minister shall not attend at any such meeting neglect to appoint a deputy as aforesaid, then and in of the said cases, it shall be lawful for the person being composing such meeting and entitled to vote the majority of them, to elect and choose from among chairman to preside for the time being at any such meeting; and every meeting so held upon any such neglect the said superintendent minister, or his deputy as aforesaid as valid and effectual as if the said superintendent, or aforesaid, had been the chairman thereof and had presided.

16. Proviso for sale of land with consent of Conference.

16. Provided always, and it is hereby that it shall and may be lawful to and for the or a majority of them, with the consent of the annual conference (such consent to be in writing under the hand of the president or secretary of the said conference), either by joining in the conveyance for the purpose of expressing such consent in a document, at any time or times hereafter, absolutely dispose of the said parcel or tract of land, church or religious worship, hereditaments and premises, or of such of the same, respecting which such consent in writing shall be given, either by public sale or private conveyance together or in parcels and either at one and the same

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different times and prices, for the best price or prices, in money, it can be reasonably obtained for the same, and well and effectually to convey and assure the hereditaments and premises so sold to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, his, her or their heirs and assigns, or as he, she or they shall direct or appoint; and the hereditaments and premises so sold and conveyed and assured as aforesaid shall thenceforth be held and enjoyed by the purchaser or purchasers thereof, his, her and their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, freed and absolutely discharged from these presents, and from the trusts hereby declared and every of them; and the said trustees or trustee for the time being shall apply the money which shall arise from every such sale as aforesaid, so far as the same will extend, to the discharge of all the incumbrances, liabilities and responsibilities, whether personal or otherwise, lawfully contracted or occasioned by virtue of these presents, or in the execution of the trusts hereof, or of any of them, and subject hereto, and to the payment of any debts upon any other church property on the said circuit, or for building new churches, or for the purpose of procuring a larger and more conveniently or eligibly situated parcel or tract of land and church or place of religious worship and parsonage premises, in the place and stead of the said parcel or tract of land and church or place of religious worship or parsonage and hereditaments and premises so sold or disposed of; and the balance, if any, to be applied to the use of the church and parsonage aid fund of the said Methodist Church and the said annual conference: Provided, however, that if any such church or property sold belonged to the Bible Christian Church prior to the union of the said Church with the other Methodist Churches, the surplus, after payment of debts, shall be applied to the reduction of the missionary debts, as provided in the Basis of Union.

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ge interest
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17. Provided always, that if at any time hereafter the income arising from the said parcel or tract of land, church or place of religious worship, hereditaments and premises, shall be inadequate to meet and discharge the interest of all moneys borrowed and then due and owing upon or on account of the said premises, and the various current expenses attending the due execution of the trusts hereof, and if the said trustees, for the time being, of these presents, shall desire to retire and be discharged from the burden and execution of the said trusts, and if no such persons as are hereinafter mentioned or described can be found to take upon themselves the burden and execution of the said trusts, then the responsibility and liability to be thereby incurred, then in that case it shall be lawful for the said trustees, for the time being, as aforesaid, or the major part of them, of their own proper authority,

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and without any such consent by the said annual conference, to sell and dispose of the said parcel or tract or place of religious worship, hereditaments and part or parts of the same, respectively, either by private contract, and either together or in parcels, and the same time or at different times, for the best in money that can be reasonably obtained for the same, effectually to convey and assure the hereditaments sold, with the appurtenances, to the purchaser or purchasers, his, her or their heirs and assigns, or as he, she or they appoint; and the hereditaments and premises so sold and assured, as last aforesaid, shall thenceforth be held by the purchaser and purchasers thereof, his, her executors, administrators and assigns, freed and discharged from these presents and the trusts hereby created every of them; and all the moneys arising from the said sale shall be applied, disposed of and appropriated as the same money will extend, to the purposes hereinbefore directed in respect to any sale made in consequence of such consent of or by the said annual conference as aforesaid: but it is hereby declared that no sale shall be made in virtue of this present power or authority, unless for the time being as aforesaid, or a majority of the trustees in writing to the said annual conference, or for the time being of the said annual conference, on the first day of the then next annual meeting of the said conference, of their intention to make such sale, and the same, nor unless the said annual conference shall, six calendar months next after the said first day of annual meeting, refuse or neglect either to give, grant or assent to the said sale, or to provide for the said trustees or trustee for the time being with such other aid, assistance and relief as shall enable them to discharge the burden of the execution of the trusts hereby created, or (as the case may be) to find and provide otherwise, will take upon themselves the burden of the execution of the trusts.

18. And it is hereby declared that, except in case of mortgage or sale, the receipt of a majority of the trustees or of trustee, steward or treasurer duly authorized, shall be sufficient.

18. And it is hereby declared that receipts of a majority of the said trustees being shall, in all cases of payment in or for any of them as such trustees or trustee, be a full discharge to the person or persons paying the same, and such receipt or receipts, his, her or their heirs and assigns, executors, administrators and assigns, shall be a full discharge for all mortgage moneys, purchase moneys, or other moneys, in, respectively, expressed and acknowledged, and shall be received by any such trustees.

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resaid; and in all cases, except for money paid and received in respect of any mortgage or sale of the said hereditaments and premises, or any part or parts thereof, as aforesaid, the receipt and signature of any one or more of the said trustees for the time being, or any one or more of the stewards or treasurers for the time being, or the said trustees for the time being, or the major part of them, authorized to sign and give receipts, shall be a full discharge to the person and persons entitled to such receipt or receipts, his, her or their heirs, executors and administrators, for all moneys (except as aforesaid) therein respectively expressed and acknowledged to have been received by any such trustee, steward or treasurer, as aforesaid.

19. And it is hereby declared that it shall not be incumbent upon any mortgagee or mortgagees, purchaser or purchasers of the said parcel or tract of land, church or place of religious worship, hereditaments and premises, or of any part or parts thereof, respectively, to inquire into the necessity, expediency or propriety of any mortgage, sale or disposition of the said parcel or tract of land, church or place of religious worship, hereditaments and premises, or of any part or parts thereof made or proposed to be made by the said trustees or trustee for the time being, or the major part of them, as aforesaid, or whether any such notice or notice or notices, as aforesaid, was or were duly given, or was or were valid and sufficient, or whether any steward or stewards, treasurer or treasurers, was or were duly authorized to sign and give receipts as aforesaid; nor shall it be incumbent upon any such mortgagee or mortgagees, purchaser or purchasers, or any of them, or for any one person or persons, his, her or their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, paying money to such trustees or trustee, or to any steward or stewards, treasurer or treasurers, for the time being, as aforesaid, to see to the application, or to be answerable or accountable for the loss, mis-application or non-application of such money or other money, or any part thereof, for which a receipt or receipts shall be so respectively given, as aforesaid.

20. And it is hereby declared that the said trustees or trustee for the time being shall not, nor shall any one of them, their or any of their heirs, executors or administrators, or any of them, be chargeable or accountable for any involuntary loss suffered by him, them or any of them, or any one or more of them, or any other or others of them, nor for any more money than shall come to their respective hands, nor for any money done by others to the said trust premises, or to any part or parts thereof.

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21. That number of trustees shall not be less than five nor more than twenty-one, and that vacancies are to be filled and number increased by nomination and appointment.

21. And it is hereby declared to be the intent and meaning of this indenture and thereto, that the full number of the said trust shall not be less than five (5) twenty-one (21), and that when and as one or more of the said trustees or of in the said trust shall die, resign office and with the consent of a two-thirds trustees, or withdraw from or cease to be members of the said Methodist Church, according to the discipline of the said Church, or shall remove therefrom, or as shall in the opinion of his co-trustees, expressed by a majority vote of said co-trustees, render it inexpedient for him to hold the said trust, the place of the trustee or trustees so dying, withdrawing, ceasing to be a member or members of the said Church, or removing as aforesaid, shall thereupon become vacant, and however, to the provisos next hereinafter set out, and with a successor or successors, being a member or members of the said Church, of the full age of twenty-one years, to be nominated and appointed as follows, that is to say,—to be not less than one Methodist Church minister having charge, for the time being of the circuit or station in which the said hereby conveyed premises are situate, and thereupon appointed by the surviving trustee or trustees of the said trust, or a majority of the trustees, or they shall think proper to appoint the person or persons so nominated; and in case of an equal division of the trustees present at any meeting of the trustees for the purpose of such appointment, the minister so in charge of the said circuit or station shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie; Provided always, that no such consent as aforesaid shall be given while any vacancies remain unfilled, nor shall the trust be subject to the resignation of more than one trustee by the death of one; Provided also, that notwithstanding the withdrawal of a trustee from his membership in the said Church, his powers as a trustee shall not cease unless his place in the trust shall be declared vacant by a two-thirds vote of the remaining trustees; and in the event of a declaration it shall be in their power to make, on the part of the trustees, if they are convinced that he has withdrawn as aforesaid, provided that no vacancy remain then unfilled, and provided that not more than one vacancy shall be declared by any one vote; and if it shall be deemed advisable to increase the number of trustees to a number greater than that appointed hereby, not exceeding twenty-one, then the person or persons whom it is desired to appoint as new trustees or trustees shall be nominated and appointed in the manner hereinbefore provided for the filling of vacancies; and

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at any time that there shall be no surviving or remaining of the said trust, in every such case it shall and may be the minister aforesaid to nominate, and the quarterly of the circuit or station, if they approve of the person or so nominated, to appoint, the requisite number of the of the said trust, by the vote of the majority of the members of the said meeting then present; and in case of an equal of their votes, the chairman of the said meeting shall have a vote in such appointment, and the person or persons so appointed trustee or trustees in either of the said nomination and appointment shall be the legal successors, co-trustee or co-trustees, of the said above-named and shall have, in perpetual succession, the same capacities, rights, duties, estates and interests as are given to the above-trustees in and by these presents, and in and by any Statute in which may, for the time being, be in force affecting the

22. It is hereby declared that a majority of the said trustees shall form a quorum, all having been duly and when a majority or two-thirds vote may be required propose, it shall be held to mean a majority or two-thirds, and may be, of any such meeting.

23. A full and accurate financial statement, duly audited, shall be laid before the first quarterly official meeting after the first day of January in each year.

APPENDIX V.

A LIST OF JUDICIAL DECISIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS OF LAW, NOT MODIFIED BY SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATION, AS GIVEN BY THE COURT OF APPEAL, THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S COURT OF APPEAL, AND IN THE RULINGS OF THE PRESIDENTS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES REPORTED TO, AND APPROVED BY THE ACTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, FROM THE UNION IN 1883 TO THE YEAR 1898.

1. General Conference.

1. An appeal against any legislation of the General Conference cannot be entertained by the Court of Appeal. (Journal 1898, p. 279, par. 8; also p. 286.)

2. Annual Conference.

2. An Annual Conference on finding a minister guilty of an offence "expressly forbidden by the Word of God and sufficient to exclude from the kingdom of grace and glory" has no discretionary power to attach some other penalty than that ordered by Discipline. (Journal 1890, p. 175, par. 2.)

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When an Annual Conference finds a minister guilty of offence "expressly forbidden by the Word of God, sufficient to exclude from the kingdom of grace and glory," the President is not at liberty to entertain a motion for amendment of the sentence required by Discipline. (Journal 1890, p. 176, par. 7.)

An Annual Conference exceeds its jurisdiction when it definitely postpones passing a proper sentence upon an offender. (Journal 1890, p. 176, par. 6.)

An Annual Conference cannot expel a minister under any circumstances without pronouncing upon his guilt. (Journal 1890, p. 253, par. 6.)

Ministers appointed to Connexional offices, though not in the pastorate, are in the "active work." (Journal 1890, p. 175, par. 4.)

An Annual Conference has power to settle disputes between two or more congregations within its boundaries. (Journal 1890, p. 253, par. 5.)

Women cannot be admitted as lay delegates to membership in an Annual Conference. (Journal 1894, p. 253, par. 3.)

An Annual Conference cannot receive into Full Connection and admit to ordination any candidate who has previously fulfilled the requirements of Discipline as to term of probation and examinations. (Journal 1894, p. 254, par. 10.)

An Annual Conference exceeds its jurisdiction when it admits as a candidate on probation one who has failed on the subject of Greek in the preliminary course of

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study. (Journal 1898, p. 285, par. 12.) (Greek also is now obligatory. Par. 145, sub.-sec. 5.)

11. An extra-disciplinary contract made between a minister and his Conference cannot supersede the operation of discipline in determining his standing or relation. (Journal 1898, p. 278, par. 4.)

12. The constitutionality of the law of location is affirmed. (Journal 1898, p. 279, par. 9.)

13. An Annual Conference cannot so place the name of a minister on the station list as to deprive him both of supernumerary allowance and of circuit pay without his request. (Journal 1898, p. 283, par. 1.)

14. Permission to be, and remain, without a circuit to engage in Connexional work can be granted by the Annual Conference in ministerial session only. (Journal 1898, p. 284, par. 4.)

15. "Travelling," in the disciplinary sense, and time allowance for studies are separate and different things. (Journal 1898, p. 284, par. 5.)

16. The phrase "on a circuit for three years" in a disciplinary sense is different from "travelling three years." (Journal 1898, p. 284, par. 7.)

17. Funds raised ostensibly for ministerial support, but actually for the Superannuation Fund, must be marked in the Conference schedules as being raised for the Superannuation Fund. (Journal 1898, p. 284, par. 6.)

18. Districts in electing laymen to the Annual Conference are not bound to elect only those within the bounds of their own district. (Journal 1898, p. 285, par. 11.)

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3. *Stationing Committee.*

19. A Stationing Committee cannot transfer appointments from one circuit to another unless the previous disciplinary requirements have been complied with. (Journal 1894, p. 254, par. 7.)

20. No names of persons other than those of ministers and probationers can appear on the Annual Conference station lists. (Journal 1898, p. 283, par. 3.)

4. *Quarterly Board.*

21. Adjourned meetings of the Quarterly Official Board are legal. (Journal 1890, p. 252, last paragraph.)

5. *Trustee Board.*

22. Trustees may use their ordinary revenue to engage musicians for religious worship. (Journal 1898, p. 278, par. 1.)

6. *Superannuation Fund.*

23. No minister can exempt himself from payment to the Superannuation Fund. (Journal 1890, p. 253, par. 1.)

7. *Administration of Discipline.*

24. A superintendent of a circuit has not discretionary power to refuse a proper letter of standing from another superintendent if presented within the twelve months specified in the Discipline. (Journal 1898, p. 278, par. 3.)

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25. A new superintendent of a circuit is not bound to receive charges which, under a previous superintendent had been tried, and respecting which the committee failed to agree upon a decision. (Journal 1898, p. 28.)

26. Acceptance by a superintendent of a circuit of a resignation of membership, though afterwards withdrawn, is not equivalent to expulsion from the Church with charges. (Journal 1898, p. 283, par. 2.)

27. Charges are vitiated through want of definiteness of specifications as to times and places. (Journal 1894, p. 253, par. 2.)

28. When the superintendent of a circuit would have been the proper person to preside at a trial had he not been disqualified, the chairman of the district is not bound to appoint another chairman of a district to preside, but is entitled to appoint another superintendent of a circuit. (Journal 1898, p. 284, par. 8.)

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RULES OF ORDER.

1. The President shall take the chair at the hour to which the Conference may stand adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

2. The roll of the members of the General Conference, as certified by the President and Secretary of the Constituent Conferences, shall be called immediately after the opening of the first session.

3. The following shall be the order of business :

- (1) Reading the minutes of preceding session.
- (2) Communications.
- (3) Memorials.
- (4) Reports of Standing Committees.
- (5) Reports of Special Committees.
- (6) Motions of which notice has been previously given.
- (7) Notices of motions.
- (8) Questions of which notice has been given.
- (9) Miscellaneous.

4. On the call for Reports of Committees, all reports that are ready shall be called in before action is taken on any one of them.

5. The President shall decide all questions of order,

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subject to an appeal to the Conference ; but in case of such appeal the question shall be taken without debate. When a member rises to a point of order, or the President calls any member to order, in either case the point of order shall be distinctly stated.

6. No member shall remain standing during debate, except the member addressing the President.

7. The President shall nominate all Committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

8. When a motion is moved and seconded, or a report is presented and is read by the Secretary or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference ; nor shall any motion be withdrawn by the mover after being debated, without the consent of the Conference.

9. All motions shall be presented in writing by the proposer.

10. The following motions are not debatable :

- a. For the previous question.
- b. To lay on the table.
- c. For indefinite adjournment.
- d. For indefinite postponement.

11. No new motion shall be entertained until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which motions shall have the precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz.:

- a. Adjournment.
- b. Lay on the table.
- c. Indefinite postponement.
- d. Postponement to a given time.
- e. Reference to a Committee.

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f. Amendment.

g. Amendment to the amendment.

12. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise and address the President, and shall proceed only when the President announces his name.

13. No person shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Conference, except the mover, who shall be entitled to a general reply.

14. No person shall speak more than ten minutes at one time without leave of the Conference, which shall be granted or refused without debate.

15. Any member who voted in the majority may move a reconsideration of a resolution. A motion to reconsider may be carried by a majority. This may be done during the session in which it was passed; but if done at any other time a notice of motion for reconsideration must be given at the session immediately preceding that in which the vote for reconsideration is to be taken. A resolution may be reconsidered once only.

16. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

17. Motions relating to the rights and privileges of the Conference, or of individual members, and orders of the day, shall be considered questions of privilege.

18. The previous question being moved, the President shall put it at once by asking, "Shall the vote be now taken?" If the previous question is carried, all debate shall cease save the right of reply on the part of the mover of the original motion, and after the mover shall have replied the President shall proceed to take the vote on the several motions before the Conference.

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19. No member shall absent himself from the session of the Conference without leave, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

20. No member who is not within the bar when a question is put by the President shall be allowed to vote on such question, except by leave of Conference.

21. Before the President rises to put a motion to the Conference, he shall ask, "Is the Conference ready for the question?" No member shall speak after the President has risen to put the question; and all members present shall vote unless excused by the Conference.

22. No member shall be interrupted when speaking except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question, or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President when he deems the speaker out of order, and any member may explain if he is misrepresented.

23. No business shall pass from individuals to the Committee without reference through the Conference.

24. Any member may call for the yeas and nays on a question before the Conference, provided he be sustained by twenty members. Any member may require the number of votes for and against a resolution be announced.

25. When yeas and nays are ordered in relation to a motion, they shall be taken at that session of the Conference.

26. In the General Conference fifty members shall constitute a quorum.

27. The Secretary shall provide a bulletin, upon

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announcements of meetings of committees, and relating to other Conference business may be made.

28. Members presenting memorials, petitions and other papers for reference, shall prepare the paper by writing in a plain hand on the back of it the following items in the following order, viz.:—(1) Subject to which it relates. (2) Name of the member presenting it, and the Conference to which he belongs, or the name of the body sending it, as the case may be. (3) Name of Committee to which the Conference refers it. Papers thus presented shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Conference, and by him sent to the Committee according to endorsement.

29. A motion consisting of two or more distinct propositions shall, if a call for its sub-division be sustained by two members of the Conference, be subdivided into two or more sections, and the vote shall be taken on each section separately.

30. In all cases in which an amendment of the Discipline is moved, the motion shall be so framed as to show the form in which the section or paragraph, as the case may be, will stand when amended.

31. Committees reporting changes in the Discipline shall so frame their reports as to show how the section or paragraph, as the case may be, will stand after the changes shall have been made.

32. When a motion is submitted, it may be amended, and an amendment to the amendment is also in order. In case the amendment to the amendment be rejected, it is in order to propose other amendments to the amendment, which shall be disposed of one by one. When these have

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been voted on, if one be adopted, the vote shall then be taken on the amendment thus amended, and if it be adopted the discussion may proceed, and other amendments to the main motion as thus amended are then in order. When all amendments have been disposed of, the motion as then before the Conference shall be voted on.

33. When any committee shall ascertain that a subject which has been referred to it has also been referred to another committee, it shall promptly report the fact to the Conference, and the Conference shall decide which committee shall have permanent charge of said subject.

34. In all cases for which these Rules of Order do not make provision, the proceedings of the Conference shall be conducted according to the Rules and Usages of the House of Commons of Canada.

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APPENDIX VII.

FORMS OF PROCEDURE.

Form 1.—Complaint.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

..... *Conference.*

..... *District.*

..... *Circuit.*

In the matter of

A. B., *Complainant,*

and C. D., *Defendant.*

I, A. B. (a member, minister, or as the fact may be), of the Church on the Circuit, hereby charge that he said O. D. (a minister or member, as the fact may be), of the Church upon Circuit, on or about the day of A.D. 189.. at (here put in the time and place at which the offence charged was committed), did here state the offence; if the charge is one of false teaching, give as nearly as possible the words, and if they were repeated, give the other times and places, the object being to give him the best information as to what he is accused of, and when and where it is alleged he committed the offence).

I charge that this is an offence against the law of God (or the rules or Discipline of the Church, as the case may be).

And I hereby request you to take the proper steps to bring the said C. D. to trial.

Yours, etc.,

To.....

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Form 2.—Notice to Person Accused.

(Full formal heading as in form 1.)

I, E. F., Superintendent of the above Circuit (or
man of the above District, or President of the above
conference), hereby give you notice that a complaint,
copy of which is hereto annexed, has been laid against

Further, take notice that I have selected and summoned
a committee for the trial of such complaint, and that
said committee will meet for the taking of evidence
and considering of said complaint at (house where
Committee will sit) on day, the
.....18.. at the hour of o'clock in the
noon.....and that if you have any evidence or
to produce in your behalf it will then be heard.

(Place and date.)

Yours, etc.,

To.....

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Form 3.—Finding of Committee.

(Full formal heading as in form 1.)

The Committee selected and summoned to
charges in this matter, having assembled at
and place appointed for such trial, were then
attended by the said complainant *¹ and the said
ant *²; and having heard the evidence adduced by
respective parties, and what was alleged by them
their behalf, we (the names of the Committee, or
unanimous, then the names of those who agree).

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Committee (or the majority of the said Committee) find :—
 that none of the said charges are sustained and proved,
 that the defendant is not guilty, or that the said
 charges are sustained and proved, and that the said de-
 fendant is guilty of the offences laid therein, or that the
 charge is sustained and proved, and that the defend-
 ant is guilty of the offences laid therein.

As to the other charges, we find that they are not
 sustained and proved, and upon them we find that the
 defendant is not guilty. (If the defendant is found guilty
 on any charge, add the appropriate penalty.)

The said offence of which we find the said defendant
 guilty is, in our judgment, such as is expressly forbidden by

Word of God, and sufficient to exclude a person from
 kingdom of grace and glory, and we hereby suspend
 (in case of a minister or probationer) until the
 annual Conference shall finally dispose of the case. (If
 defendant be a member, other than a minister or a
 probationer, follow the form down to the*, then say) until
 delay allowed for appeal has expired.

Given under our hands at.....this.....day of
189..(all signing in the presence of each other).

In case of less grave offences, omit the paragraph begin-
 ing "The said offence," and say: And we adjudge that
 the said defendant be admonished (or whatever the sent-
 ence may be).

Given under our hands at.....this.....day of
189..(all signing in the presence of each other).

Certificate of presiding officer to be written below the
 copy of decision, which must be served upon each party
 within three days.

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I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the decision of the Committee in the above matter.

X. Y., *Presiding Officer.*

Form 3a.—Where defendant does not appear.

(Same as form 3 down to first *, then insert)—but the said defendant did not, nor did any person on his behalf, attend before us, although duly served with notice in that behalf, as by evidence in writing now among the records of this matter appears; and having heard the evidence adduced on behalf of the complainant, we find (etc., as in form 3).

Form 3b.—Where defendant pleads guilty.

(Same as in Form 3 down to the second *.)

And the defendant having pleaded guilty to the charges in this matter (or to No. and No. of the charges in this matter), we find him guilty of the offences mentioned in said charges, No. etc. (From here proceed as in Form 3.)

Form 3c.—Where charges are amended.

(Same as in Form 3 down to second *.)

The charges laid and served in this matter having been amended so as to read as follows, that is to say: (here insert the charges as they are finally settled).

And the defendant having been allowed proper opportunity to meet said amended charges, we proceeded to hear the evidence adduced, etc. (as in Form 3).

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Form 4.—Notice of decision.

Full formal heading as in Form 1.)

Take notice, that annexed hereto is a copy, certified by
of the decision of the Committee in this matter, which
decision was pronounced on the day it bears date.

Yours, etc.,
.....

Toronto, June, 189..

to the above complainant.

Also another

to the above defendant.

This must be sent to each party within three days after
decision is given.)

Form 5.—Notice of Appeal from decision of Committee.

Full formal heading as in Form 1.)

Take notice that I do hereby appeal from the decision
of the Committee in this matter to on the
following, amongst other grounds:—

The following are given as showing how grounds of
appeal should be drawn.)

a. That said decision is against law and evidence and
weight of evidence.

b. That the said Committee was not properly constituted.

c. That I was not allowed to be present when the wit-
nesses, or some or one of them, were being examined.

d. That evidence was taken in my absence, although the
Committee well knew that I intended to be present and
that I was unavoidably absent, and that, when I appeared,

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the Committee refused to recall witnesses so examined in my absence.

5. That the members of said Committee consulted with and listened to the complainant and his witnesses before and after the said trial, and when I was not present.

6. That the presiding officer so conducted said trial as to interfere with the liberty of judgment of said Committee.

And I claim the right to add to and vary the grounds of my appeal as I may be advised.

Form 6.—Resolution of Annual Conference on an Appeal from Committee.

Moved by.....seconded by.....

That having heard the appeal of the complainant (or defendant) from the decision of the Committee in the matter of A. B., complainant, and C. D., defendant, and considered the charges, proceedings, evidence and decisions therein, this Conference resolves that the said defendant is—*or* is not guilty of the offence (or offences) as found in said decision, *or* modify the findings of the decision as the Conference may think right—guilty of the offence (or offences) as found in the said decision; and that such offence (or offences) is (or are) such as is expressly forbidden by the Word of God, and is sufficient to exclude a person from the kingdom of grace and glory; be it therefore further resolved that the said C. D. be deposed from the ministry and expelled from the Church, and he is hereby declared to be so deposed and expelled.

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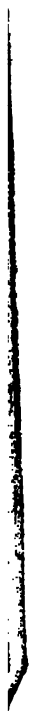
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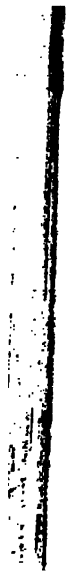
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